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Mind the pay gap

Cities can’t wait for the feds to make the problem go away — and women can’t either

Vicky Mochama
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At 2:38 p.m. on Monday, the women of Iceland left work.

They weren’t slacking. They didn’t go shopping. This was a protest.

Iceland has been called the most feminist country in the world, but the women there typically earn at least 14 per cent less than men. The protest organizers thought it only fair, therefore, that women should work 14 per cent fewer hours. Even if only for a day.

I couldn’t have made the point better myself. I’d love to see the protest replicated here.

The problem is, in an economy as regionally diverse as Canada’s, Iceland-style walkouts would vary from city to city. In Winnipeg, women who arrived at work at 9 a.m. would be on the street at 3 p.m (if they skipped lunch); in Edmonton the 9-to-5 men would be on their own as of 2:12.

Where a woman lives can determine how much the pay gap affects her quality of life. Cities can’t wait for federal or provincial governments to make the problem go away. Women can’t wait either. Cities need to take responsibility now.

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Water woes in the city

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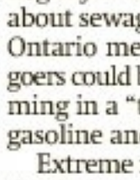
Watchdog calls on city to better alert residents about sewage



Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Ontario's environmental watchdog says a lack of transparency about sewage flowing into Lake Ontario means Toronto beachgoers could be unwittingly swimming in a "toxic stew" of feces, gasoline and other pollution.

Extreme rain can overwhelm the city's water treatment plants, causing thousands of cubic metres of sewage and stormwater runoff — which can contain contaminants ranging from gasoline to pet feces — to flow into local waterways.

Sewage bypasses happen about two or three times a month in Toronto, but the public is only notified a few days later — if at all.

Dianne Saxe, the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, wants that to change. Her latest report, released Wednesday, takes the city and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change to task for not reporting sewage bypasses in real time.

"They post the information afterwards, but it's not much use," she told Metro. "There was a terrible storm on Aug. 11 this summer and a lot of unmentionables washed into the lake. I had my grandson with me that morning and if I hadn't known better, I might have taken him down to the beach."

Saxe doesn't want to discourage people from visiting Toronto beaches — which she says are "much cleaner" now than in years past — but believes the public has the right to be informed.

Lou Di Gironimo, general manager of Toronto Water, said the city already does extensive testing along its beaches during swimming season and posts the results online.

"It's one of the best sources of information on beach water quality," he said.

Toronto Water is not averse to making more information about sewage bypasses public, Di Gironimo said, but he questioned whether a real-time alert system would do more harm than good.

"Just sending out a tweet saying 'plant bypass' without context, what are people going to do with that information?" he said. "We don't want to scare the public with incorrect messaging. We want to make sure get it into the right context so it's useful."

When sewer bypasses occur, the discharge occurs deep in Lake Ontario, over a kilometre from shore, and is unlikely to affect swimming areas, Di Gironimo pointed out. "It's not really a public health issue," he said.

Heavy rainfall can cause sewage to be directly discharged into local waterways, including Ashbridges Bay, seen here. The province's environmental watchdog is calling on the city to alert residents about sewage bypasses in real time. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

> **They are creating policies that look good on paper, but failing to implement them.** Andrea Olive

Report sheds light on endangered species

The Environmental Commissioner of Ontario's report spotlights the plight of endangered species in the province and calls on Queen's Park to "walk the walk" to combat wildlife declines and control invasive species.

The report focuses on the declining moose population in Northern Ontario, but plenty of animals are struggling to survive here in Toronto.

According to the Ministry of Environment, Toronto is home to 18 at-risk species, including barn swallows, lake sturgeon, rusty-patched bumblebees and five types of turtles.

Commissioner Dianne Saxe said the province is "absolutely not" providing enough direction and support to local groups trying to preserve those species in the city.

"Local conservation authorities and volunteers are trying to hold the front line on invasive species and endangered ones and the province mostly leaves them to struggle by themselves," she said.

Andrea Olive, a professor at the University of Toronto who studies conservation policy in Canada, agreed. The province's rhetoric on endangered species is not being matched by funding or co-ordination, she said.

The Blanding turtle TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

"They are creating policies that look good on paper, but failing to implement them," she said.

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Former nurse's tip led to her own arrest

INVESTIGATION

Woman charged in deaths of 8 nursing home patients

The investigation into one of Canada's worst alleged cases of serial killing was sparked by a tip from the accused herself — the former nurse now charged in the premeditated murder of eight patients at nursing homes in southwestern Ontario, a source has confirmed.

Elizabeth Tracy Mae Wettlaufer, charged Tuesday with eight counts of first-degree murder, was identified as a possible murder suspect last month, after she told staff at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto about the deaths, according to a source with knowledge of the investigation.

Neighbours have said Wettlaufer recently went into rehab to treat substance abuse, a struggle she had alluded to in online posts.

According to the source, Wettlaufer divulged "things that were concerning" the deaths while she was at CAMH in September, spurring staff there to contact police.

The information sheds new light on how a task force led by Ontario Provincial Police could probe, in a matter of weeks, a highly complex investigation into alleged homicides dating back nearly a decade, deaths originally believed to have been natural.

Wettlaufer, 49, was remanded into custody after a brief court appearance in Woodstock Tuesday, accused in killings alleged to have occurred between 2007 and 2014. The deceased are three elderly men and five women, ranging in age from 75-96.

Police allege Wettlaufer gave unidentified drugs to seven residents at Woodstock's Caressant Care and one resident at Meadow Park long-term-care home in London, Ont. No bodies will be exhumed for the investigation.

If convicted, Wettlaufer will be among the worst serial killers in Canada's history. Her lawyer, Brad Burgess, could not be reached for comment.

Health privacy legislation in Ontario gives hospitals the authority to alert police if they have reason to believe a crime has been committed, the office of Ontario's privacy commissioner confirmed in a statement.

Sean O'Malley, spokesperson for CAMH, said in an email that he could not confirm that Wettlaufer provided information about the killings to staff, saying: "CAMH does not disclose the names of its clients. Nor does CAMH comment on any ongoing police investigations."

Police officials told a news conference Tuesday that Woodstock police received information about the alleged killings on Sept. 29. The next day, Wettlaufer gave up her nursing licence.

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Elizabeth Tracey Mae Wettlaufer was charged with eight counts of murder Tuesday. FACEBOOK; INSET: THE CANADIAN PRESS

Accused gave dog away prior to arrest

Just a few weeks ago, Elizabeth Wettlaufer gave away her beloved dog, Nashville, a spry Jack Russell terrier.

Her friends thought the move odd, but they now wonder if the 49-year-old nurse knew what was coming.

On Tuesday, Wettlaufer was charged with eight counts of first-degree murder in connection with the deaths of seniors in her care — seven of them at a nursing home just a 15-minute walk from her apartment in Woodstock, Ont.

As news broke about her charges, her friends gathered outside the apartment building, trying to piece it all together.

"She was a happy-go-lucky lady," said Nancy Gilbert, who lived downstairs from

Wettlaufer's fifth-floor apartment.

"It's hard to believe, really, really hard to believe."

Wettlaufer would often join their tight little group as they sat on the grass outside the apartment when the weather was nice, chatting the night away, Gilbert said.

She and Wettlaufer had dinner at Kelsey's just a few weeks ago.

During that meal, Wettlaufer told her she had just gotten out of rehab at a facility in Toronto — it was the second such time, Gilbert said.

Amid police concerns that she would commit a "serious personal injury," Wettlaufer was made subject of a peace bond earlier this month with 10 conditions, including that she live with her parents in Woodstock, observe a nighttime curfew, and refrain from acting as a caregiver to anyone.

In addition, she was banned from possessing insulin or any other medication unless it was for her own use.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

QUEEN'S PARK

A review of Ontario government oversight of nursing homes will be launched "at some point" if one is needed in the wake of a nurse allegedly killing residents, Premier Kathleen Wynne said Wednesday, but the criminal investigation comes first.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath pressed the government on if it would conduct a review to ensure Ontario's 78,000 long-term care residents are safe.

"It's absolutely imperative that the police have the opportunity to do the work that they need to do to get to the bottom of the questions that are obviously being asked," Wynne said.

Housing crunch may rival world's worst

REAL ESTATE

Lobby group ascribes rising costs to strict government

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Toronto's real-estate market is often compared to Vancouver and even New York, but home-builder lobby group the Building Industry and Land Development (BILD) Association says the city could be "the next London or Palo Alto."

And that's not a compliment.

The two cities are infamous for sky-high housing costs that even well-paid professionals find out of reach.

"Toronto, like London or Palo Alto, is a highly desirable place but an unaffordable place for most," said Bryan Tuckey, president and CEO of BILD.

"It's just the fact that the demand for housing is far outstripping the supply."

Tuckey puts the blame on "complicated and restrictive government policies" that add to the "shortage of shovel-ready and approved land on which to build."

Cherise Burda, director of Ryerson University's City Building Institute, agreed that Toronto has a "real affordability challenge" but called BILD's comments "alarming" and "fear mongering."

"Trying to point the finger at regulations that restrict building houses in green fields on the periphery is not the solution," she said.

We need to look at the bigger picture, including the fact that "real estate is driving Canada's economy."

Dana Senagama of the Canadian Mortgage and Hosing Corporation said there's not enough research to know if Toronto is on track to become London or Palo Alto.

The price per square foot in Toronto is not near the level of these cities, she said, but that could change as the city continues to become a "global centre."

Things have gotten so bad that in Palo Alto, Calif., shown here, a top city staffer resigned because she and her husband, a software engineer, couldn't afford the housing costs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

> Trying to point the finger at regulations that restrict building houses in green fields on the periphery is not the solution.
> Cherise Burda

WHAT'S NEXT

- **The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation released its fall outlook Wednesday, warning of continued red flags in Toronto's real-estate scene.**
- **However, it also predicted slower growth in prices next year due to rising mortgage rates and modest job growth.**

Toronto Maple Leafs legend Tim Horton once lived in this house at 1382 Warden Ave. in Scarborough.
RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SCARBOROUGH

Tim Horton's home on sale for $700K

Now's your chance to own a piece of hockey history.

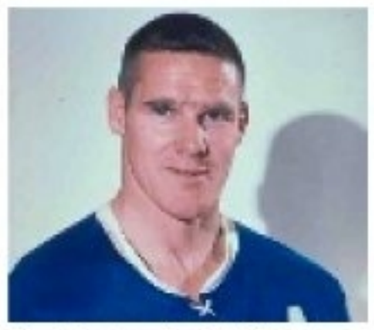
The Scarborough bungalow where Maple Leaf legend Tim Horton raised his family is listed for sale at $699,900.

Horton played 24 seasons in the NHL, starring for the Leafs in the 1950s and 1960s, and there are thousands of coffee and doughnut shops bearing his name. You can see his banner hanging at the Air Canada Centre. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1977.

Like Horton, the home on Warden Avenue near Ellesmere Road is solid and not-so-flashy. He moved there in 1952 with his late wife, Lori, to raise their family.

In his early NHL days, he made just $9,000 yearly and would supplement his income by working summers at Brewers Retail and the gravel company owned by Leafs' president Conn Smythe.

"It was a new house in a new subdivision; we bought it sight unseen from a plan," Lori Horton wrote in her book In Loving Memory: A Tribute to Tim Horton. "Unfortunately, the plan didn't have a railroad marked on it; that surprise awaited us when we moved in. For years we put up with trains passing nearby at all hours of the day and night."



Tim Horton died in 1974.
COURTESY HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

Real-estate agent Catherine To notes that a previous owner after Horton also went on to prosper after living there.

"This house has very good feng shui — or a good vibe — as Chinese always say," To said.
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Witnesses sought after pups found in bag

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Surviving four dogs on track for adoption, says SPCA

The Ontario SPCA is investigating after eight puppies were found in a garbage bag tossed in a ditch in Midland last Friday.

According to an OSPCA news release, a local resident who was doing yard work discovered the puppies last Friday in a ditch next to Baseline Rd. S. They were rushed to an OSPCA centre.

Only four of the eight puppies survived.

Investigators say the puppies were between three and five days old and still had umbilical cords attached when they were located. They also say that they think that they are a Lab-Shepherd mix.

"There is no excuse when it comes to failing to care for your animals," Alison Green, OSPCA senior inspector, said.

The surviving four puppies are now in the care of a nursing dog and staff at OSPCA Renfrew County Animal Centre.

Inspector Brandon James told the Star that staff "stayed up all night" last Saturday to ensure that the surrogate nursing dog would accept the four puppies, which ended up being a success.

"They're doing really well, and their eyes are starting to open," he said.

James says the surviving four puppies may be on track for adoption as early as December.

"They didn't get the best start in life," he said. "But we believe that they're really strong."

Any witnesses with more information are asked to call 310-SPCA (7722) immediately.

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Eight puppies were found in a garbage bag in a Midland ditch. If you have any information, call 310-SPCA (7722) COURTESY OSPCA

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HALLOWEEN

A Hip off the old block

This Halloween, a few residents in Trenton will be expecting a visit from Gord Downie — sort of.

Inspired by the singer's fight against cancer, a Trenton mother and Hip superfan is raising money for cancer research by dressing her 2-and-a-half-year-old son as a miniature version of The Tragically Hip frontman for Halloween.

Instead of trick-or-treating for candy, Bentley, will be rocking around the neighbourhood in a Jaws T-shirt, a white top hat with large feathers, and Downie's signature handkerchief, collecting donations for the Gord Downie Fund for Brain Cancer Research at Sunnybrook Hospital.

"He doesn't need any more candy," his mother, Shannon White, told the Star. "We wanted to mimic Downie's spirit, as an amazing and generous Canadian icon."

The idea came when White and Adam Davidson, Bentley's father, were watching The Hip's last concert in the Man Machine Poem tour that was livestreamed in the nation to more than 11 million Canadians on Aug. 20.

Living so close to Kingston, The Hip's hometown, White says that she felt it was important to share Downie's "inspiring" legacy with her son."

"It's amazing. He is fighting for his life, and yet he still takes time to give back," she said. "It's surreal. He's dedicated, inspiring and a great Canadian icon."

Since posting the costume on social media, Bentley's costume has gone viral, and has even received a response from The Hip themselves.

"Looking good Bentley!" they wrote on their Facebook page. "Happy Halloween to those who will be celebrating."

"I grew up on The Hip and so did Adam," she said. "We thought it was amazing our son could witness their last concert. He dances to it!" White said. Last year, Bentley opted for a scarier costume, going as Edward Scissorhands. White says her intention this year was to do something simpler, but realized it was anything, but that.

"Can't believe all the love Bentley has received," she said. "It's amazing."

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Looking good Bentley!

The Tragically Hip react to their tiny fan on Facebook

Bentley, 2.5 years old, rocking out in his best impression of Hip frontman Gord Downie. CONTRIBUTED

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Critical look at gentrification

ACTIVISM

Local artists portray urban landscape, loss of community

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A group of local artists are making a statement about the city's ongoing gentrification.

A collection of paintings, photographs, sculptures and film on exhibit at a Queen West gallery aims to take a critical look at how Toronto's sprawling development is affecting the urban fabric.

Curator Phil Anderson said the goal is to let various artists use their "inner activism" to portray what the city's future could look like, while sparking conversations about the kinds of communities people wish to see.

"This is about documenting our urban landscape and questioning whether this kind of development is actually making things better or not," he said.

Take River & Oak as an example.

James Malekzadeh spent months interviewing former residents of Regent Park for the short film. As the country's biggest social housing project undergoes major revitalization in the neighbourhood, the film explores how living in new, flashy high-rises has made people "lose a greater sense of community."

"It's a whole new horizon for many of them," said Anderson, noting the same is true in other neighbourhoods where new condo developments are popping up.

"Even city planners are worried that infrastructure may not be able to cope," he added.

Chris Harms, who creates sculptures with Plexiglass that resemble earth-moving excavators, said his work portrays the relation between the city's constant state of construction and its citizens.

"I see my work as a way to reflect on what we have today and what's to come," he said.

Having lived in condos for the past 10 years, Harms has seen firsthand how the condo explosion keeps changing the feel of neighbourhoods.

"It's a concern. People feel like their places are being taken away from them every time a place is torn down," he said. "That's why as artists we have to address those concerns through our works."

GALLERY

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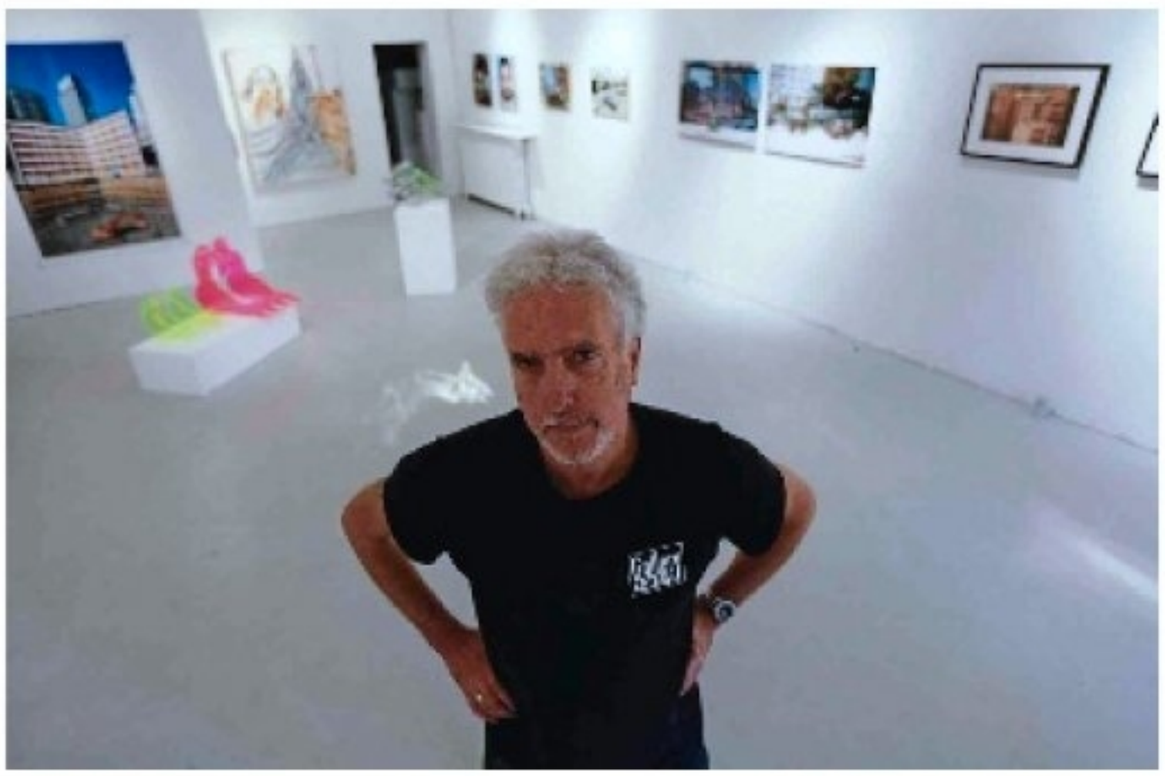

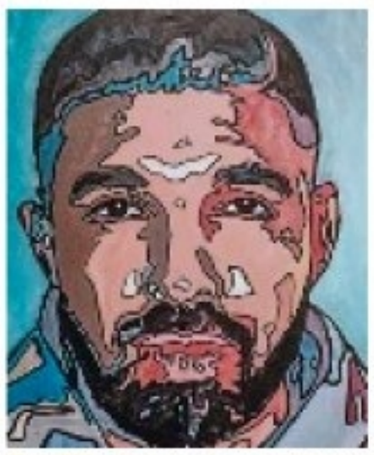

Top left: Phil Anderson is curating a multimedia art show that looks at the impact of development and condo towers in the city. Clockwise from top right: Crush by Emanuel Pavao, Hanging Out by Brian Deignan, Somewhere by Anastasia Bettas, Out With the Old by Dean Bradley, Tetris by Ravi Persaud, Drake by James Ruddle. LANCE MCMILLAN/METRO

CONTEMPORARY ART

Art Toronto redefining itself through grassroots projects

Visitors stalk the temporary halls between booths at Art Toronto last year. As the fair prepares to open for its 17th instalment this year, a handful of additions look to make it more personal and less like a shopping mall. COURTESY OF ART TORONTO

It's that time of year again, where art dealers from one end of the country to the other check their lofty ambitions at the door of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre and, quite literally, set up shop.

The weekend before, the expansive concrete hangar hosted a trade fair for holistic and naturopathic foods and medicines, and if ever you wondered about how the business side of the art world managed to remain largely veiled, then this is the curtain, abruptly pulled back.

With its 124 galleries shoved shoulder-to-shoulder in tight temporary booths under the glare of kilowatts of fluorescent lights, Art Toronto, like most any art fair, isn't the ideal venue for artistic contemplation.

It has, however, proven to be a reasonable place to move product: Since its inception in 2000, millions of dollars have been spent on art here, a trade-off for the trade-show atmosphere that most dealers seem willing to make.

Nonetheless, Art Toronto opens its 17th installment this year a little changed. The past two years saw it struggle to redefine amid a challenge from a new fair, Feature, a boutiquey affair that lured away many of the country's top-end galleries with a loftier, more intimately refined format.

For many, Feature, the brainchild of the Association of Art Galleries of Quebec, said out loud what many dealers had been thinking quietly for years: That Art Toronto's everyone-in-the-pool ethos (the fair, a private business owned by London-based Informa PLC, wins with numbers, and a booth sold is a booth sold, whatever ends up inside of it) was hurting the ambitions of serious contemporary galleries looking to put their best feet forward, regardless of space and circumstance.

Feature gave them what they wanted: A space apart from the trade fair, and an atmosphere that felt at least slightly removed from the hucksterism that attended it. While in public it was niceties all around — both fairs spoke of being complementary, not competitive — in private, more than one dealer I spoke to said they had heard from Art Toronto, warning they wouldn't be allowed to do both fairs.

Feature withered earlier this year, declaring in February it would not be back for a third year. But Art Toronto, instead of smugly standing pat, has nonetheless taken its threat to heart. This year the fair delves deeper into an array of artist-led and grassroots projects that connect it, finally, to the city in which it operates — something that may not have happened without a shot across the bow.

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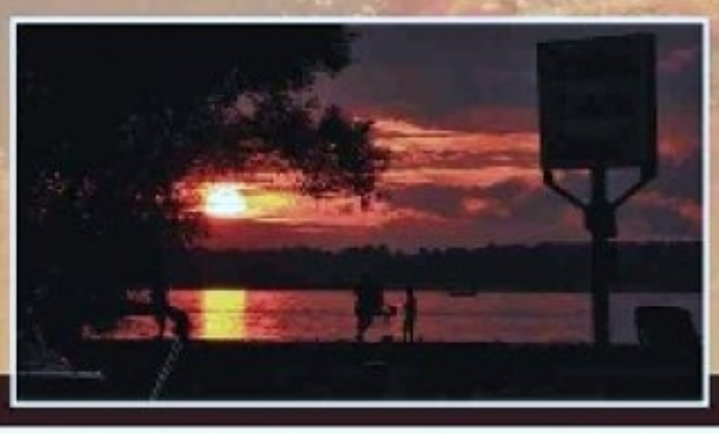

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Tax dollars spent on drug claims

AUDIT

Points strongly to drug abuse and dealing within system

City workers who submit questionable or fraudulent claims for drugs such as erectile dysfunction medications and opioids should face termination, says Mayor John Tory in the wake of a damning audit that found millions of tax dollars are being spent on dubious claims.

"And I would suggest that termination (is) an appropriate kind of penalty for that sort of thing because we cannot, in a circumstance where we're trustees of the public's money, allow it to (be) abused whether it's for Viagra or any other drug or any other purpose whatsoever," Tory told reporters at City Hall on Wednesday.

The mayor's comments come after a scathing report by auditor Beverly Romeo-Beehler looking into "potentially excessive and unusual drug claims" found widespread problems with claims related to erectile dysfunction (ED) drugs Viagra and Cialis, as well as opioids including the highly addictive painkillers oxycodone and fentanyl.

An audit found tax dollars were spent on dubious claims related to opioids like oxycodone and fentanyl, as well as erectile dysfunction drugs Viagra and Cialis. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

One expert, Dr. Meldon Kahan, medical director of the substance-use clinic at Women's College Hospital in Toronto, says he's very disturbed by the findings in the auditor's report pertaining to opioids, saying the conclusions point strongly to drug abuse and drug dealing.

For example, the auditor's report found 16 claimants had an equivalent of two to five years' supply of oxycodone in at least one year, and 32 claimants had an equivalent of 19 months to 6.7 years' worth of fentanyl patches.

The report also found examples of "double doctoring," prescription forgery, and duplicate billing. In one case, 27 claimants were dispensed the same prescription opioid, including methadone at different pharmacies on the same days.

"Given the fact so many in Ontario are dying of opiate overdoses and so many are getting addicted and prescription opioids are a major cause of overdose deaths and rates of addiction ... this is a really concerning kind of report," Kahan said.

For ED drugs, the report found 37 claimants were each reimbursed over $3,000 and five people were reimbursed over $5,000 last year, and that the city has no maximum coverage limit or "cap" for these kinds of drugs.

The report recommended a cap of $500 for these drugs and says the city could save $750,000 a year by doing so.

The report found the city could save an additional $185,000 by reducing dispensing fees for drugs.

Last year the city spent $1.9 million covering claims for ED drugs such as Cialis and Viagra.

The city's drug benefits plan is administered by Manulife, though a new company Green Shield Canada, will take over that role at the start of next year.

In an emailed statement Wednesday, Anne-Julie Gratton, a Manulife spokesperson said the parameters of benefits/drugs plans are "set by employers" (plan sponsors) and that Manulife's role is to "administer those plans."

"I recommend that you contact the City of Toronto directly about these questions," she said in response to the Star's queries including whether Manulife was aware of the extent of the problem surrounding the billings, whether this is a common problem for the company in other municipalities, and whether Manulife is planning to address the problem.

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The main lobby of City Hall was occupied by advocates for the poor protesting after the city yet again delayed the release of a report on the possibility of providing low-income people with a discounted TTC pass. LANCE MCMILLAN/METRO

FARE EQUITY REPORT

Low-income riders won't see discount fare anytime soon

Advocates for Toronto's poor are criticizing the city for its lack of action on creating a discounted transit pass for low-income riders, saying that repeated delays to the project are undermining the anti-poverty plan championed by Mayor John Tory.

A city report on transit fares for low-income groups was supposed to be debated at Tory's executive committee Wednesday, but it's been delayed until December. That marks at least the third time the release of the report has been pushed back since council voted to study the idea in July 2014.

Dozens of advocates gathered at city hall on Wednesday to protest the delay, holding signs that said "Where's our fair pass?"

While the fare equity report may go to council in December, which would be in time to be included in the 2017 budget, Tory made clear that it's unlikely any low-income fare policy will be implemented until late next year at the earliest.

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U.S. cities share lessons

REGULATION

Executive committee hears how to tackle Airbnb

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Politicians from New York City and Santa Monica, Calif. have tussled with Airbnb and lived to tell the tale.

Now, they're sharing what they learned about regulating the short-term rental site — and others like it — with their counterparts in Toronto.

The Fairbnb coalition flew representatives from the two cities to Toronto Wednesday to present at the city's executive committee meeting.

Prior to the meeting, Santa Monica mayor Tony Vazquez told Metro his city developed regulations in response to complaints about "monster mansions" becoming party houses, hotel workers losing their jobs and affordable apartments being converted into Airbnb units.

Santa Monica Mayor Tony Vazquez, left, Santa Monica council member Gleam Davis and New York City councillor Helen Rosenthal spoke at Toronto's executive committee meeting Wednesday about how to regulate short-term rentals. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

The city wanted to make sure "moms and pops" hosts like young couples with a spare room could keep renting on Airbnb, Vazquez said, so they developed rules allowing people to rent their own homes as long as they're registered.

> **They create this romantic ideal of the sharing economy.**
> Gleam Davis

Hosts must also pay into a hotel tax, which Vazquez said has generated nearly $1.5 million for the city.

Santa Monica council member Gleam Davis said Airbnb was "passive" throughout the process but then sued the city in September, claiming the regulations violate laws protecting privacy and online speech.

Airbnb is also suing New York state and the city of San Francisco over attempted regulation of its service.

The company has repeatedly said it supports reasonable regulation and is collaborating with Toronto to develop "fair and sensible home sharing rules."

But New York City councillor Helen Rosenthal said other cities have heard that kind of language before.

"When they say regulate in a sensible way, they mean in a way so that they can make lots of money and not have any burden. As long as it doesn't affect their bottom line, they're happy to be regulated," she said.

Rosenthal said it can be difficult for cities, even ones the size of New York, to combat lobbying efforts by sharing economy companies like Airbnb.

"They spend millions of dollars on marketing and PR and lobbyists," she said. "If municipalities had that much money maybe we could make a dent in this."

IN COURT

Stage collapse trial to continue

An Ontario court judge has dismissed an attempt to quash charges in the Radiohead stage collapse trial, allowing the long-running case on the deadly incident to continue.

Justice Shaun Nakatsuru rejected arguments that charges against concert organizer Live Nation and Dominic Cugliari, an engineer from Brampton, should be dropped because their rights to a fair trial were compromised by an unreasonable delay. Charges were laid in June 2013, and the trial isn't scheduled to finish until January 2017 — a period of 44 months.

Nakatsuru deemed the lumbering pace acceptable because of the high technicality of the evidence in the trial, with several expert witnesses, engineering reports and multiple defendants.

Inside the courtroom, Ken Johnson's eyes welled with tears. His only child, a 33-year-old drum technician named Scott Johnson, was crushed to death when the stage collapsed at Downsview Park in June 2012, hours before British rock group Radiohead was slated to play.

"Whatever happens, it won't bring Scott back," said Ken, 64, his voice wavering with emotion.

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Ken Johnson, father of drum tech killed in a 2012 stage collapse. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HIT-AND-RUN

Migrant denied accident claim

Jarley Silva still bears the scars — including 23 screws in his shattered leg — from a hit-and-run accident suffered on a Toronto street five years ago.

But he also bears much fresher wounds — the pain of being denied compensation from a public victims fund and the shame of being booted out of the country.

As an undocumented migrant from Brazil, Silva lost a court appeal for compensation from the Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Fund because he was illegally in Canada.

Under provincial law, the government doesn't give payouts from its Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Fund to no-fault accident victims who "ordinarily" reside outside of Ontario.

However, Silva had lived in the province for almost nine years when he was hit by a car on Bloor Street West and Lansdowne Avenue early one morning in April 2011, raising questions over the definition and interpretation of ordinary residence in the law.

"The issue is whether the person can show they are an ordinary resident of Ontario," said personal injuries lawyer Rebecca Nelson, who represents Silva. "If you are here illegally, what the court decision underscores is you can't access the publicly funded benefits as a matter of policy."

Silva came to Canada in 1994 when he was 18, using false documents, and worked in Ontario as a cleaner until 1995, when he was arrested by immigration officials and deported to Brazil. He was banned from returning to Canada, according to court documents. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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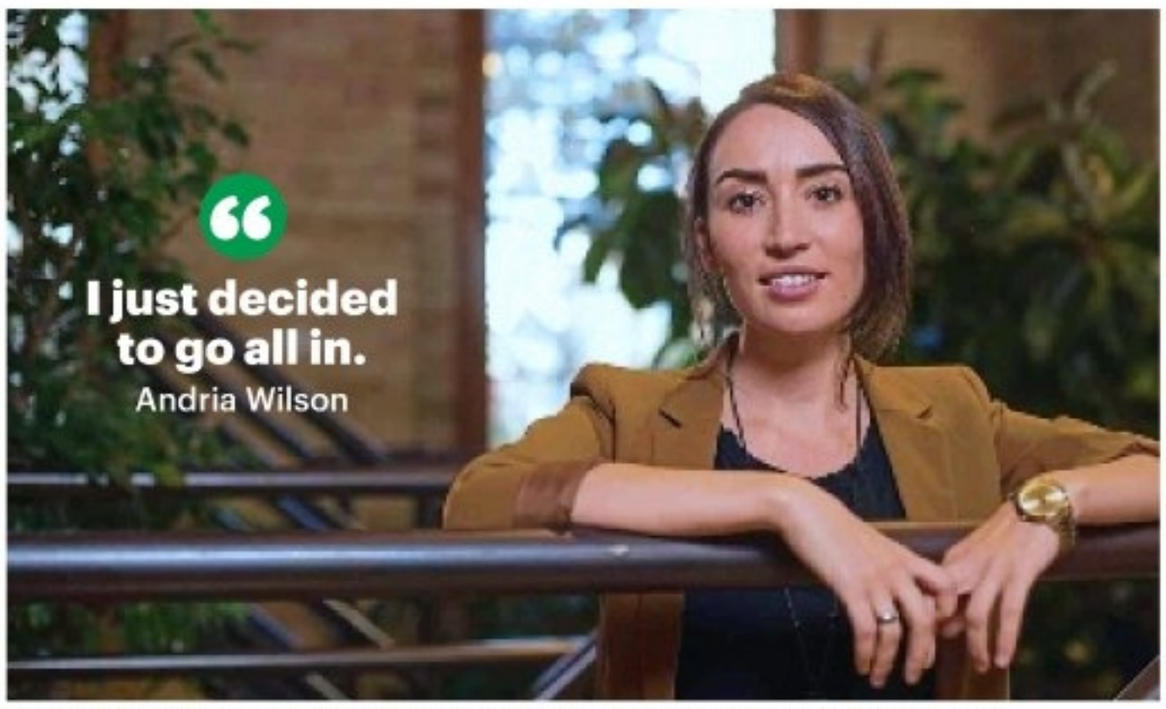
‘A fish-to-water situation’

LGBTQ COMMUNITY

New executive director for the Inside Out film festival steps up



Andria Wilson founded Halifax’s OutEast film festival, which is now in its fifth year. CHRIS SO/TORONTO STAR

In July, Andria Wilson and her girlfriend Jules Hobin packed their two cats into a U-Haul and left Halifax to start a new life in Toronto.

“I just decided to go all in,” she said in an interview this week at a coffee shop on Richmond St.

Her gamble paid off. Following a year-long international search, Inside Out announced Thursday that Wilson is the LGBT film festival’s new executive director. Inside Out is the third largest film festival in Toronto (following TIFF and Hot Docs) and Canada’s largest LGBT film festival.

The 33-year-old founded Halifax’s OutEast film festival, now in its fifth year.

“When we started OutEast, it was like a fish-to-water situation,” she said.

“When you get a chance to speak about the thing that you are the most passionate about in front of an audience that is also there for the same reason, it becomes the easiest thing in the world.”

Scott Ferguson, Inside Out’s outgoing executive director who is stepping down after 15 years, applauded the hire.

“There is an opportunity to look at people coming up in the ranks who are young and are going to approach things with a slightly different eye,” he said.

“She has a really natural charisma that I know comes from a really genuine place,” says Jason Wagar, Chair of Inside Out’s board of directors. “I think that will translate very well both on-stage and in the boardroom as we develop more relationships with supporters.”

Though she’s still new to the city, Toronto arts workers should expect to see a lot of Wilson on the culture circuit.

“Anyone who is involved in the arts and culture sector in Nova Scotia in the last couple of years would likely know Andria,” said Kellie Manning, board representative for OutEast.

“Andria is just such a remarkable leader. She is bright, dynamic and certainly well proven in Atlantic Canada.”

Wilson is, of course, a fervent film aficionado. She’s gushed so much about the queer coming-of-age drama Moonlight, in theatres Friday, that she fears she’s exhausted the interest of everyone within earshot.

She’s genuinely stumped trying to name a film that people are surprised she hasn’t seen. Asked at random if she’s seen the 1944 musical Meet Me in St. Louis, she says she has.

“I grew up in the theatre and musical theatre,” she explains. “Singing in the Rain was my first favourite movie as a kid, then West Side Story, then Guys and Dolls, which I have recently rewatched, and it does not hold up.”

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INSPIRATION

Films that stuck with Wilson

What is the first movie you saw?

I remember the first films I went to see in the theatre by myself. Like going to see Jurassic Park. I distinctly remember screaming and screaming and screaming.

What movie have you seen the most?

A League of Their Own. It was very significant in shaping my feminist point of view.

What movie do you wish everyone would see?

Moonlight... It’s this incredibly intimate exploration of a queer black man and his place in this very hyper-masculine community and this painful examination of him trying to live some form of conformist life. I’m obsessed.

What movie were you excited to bring to OutEast?

Major, which is a documentary about Major Griffin-Gracy, who is a black trans woman who was involved with the Stonewall riots. She continues to advocate for trans women who are incarcerated. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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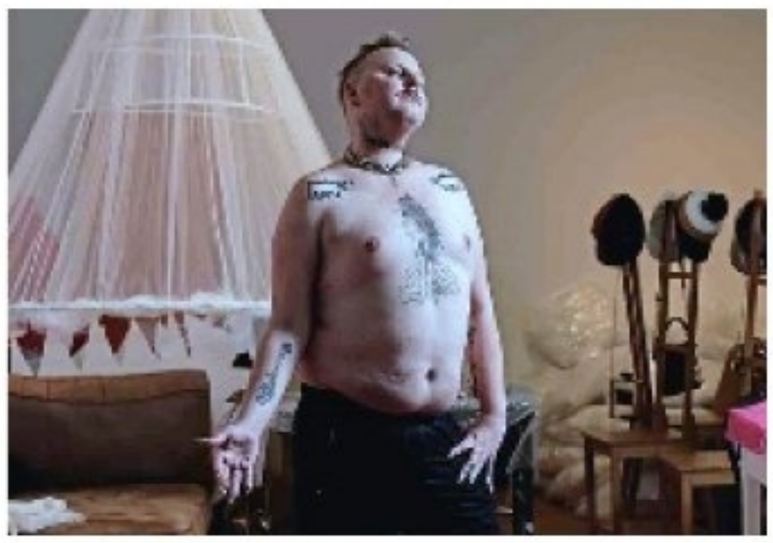
Tattooed artist dies, taking strangers’ secrets with him



Henderson shows off his tattoos — each representing a secret— on October 19. LYLE STAFFORD/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Andrew Henderson, the terminally ill man who tattooed his body with strangers’ secrets, has died.

This past weekend, Henderson hosted two living funeral/performance art events in Winnipeg called Taking it to the Grave, during which he invited more than 100 family, friends and strangers to tell him their secrets. A tattoo artist then inked the secrets, represented by a symbol, onto his body.

A former Toronto resident and a stage manager and performer, Henderson was diagnosed with T-cell lymphoblastic lymphoma two years ago. He passed away Wednesday morning in hospital, his friend and the show’s production manager, Sandy Klowak, told Torstar News Service.

He was 28.

“He was just a joy to be around,” said Klowak, choking back tears during a phone call. “It really changed my life working on this show and having him in my life. And I think a lot of people feel the same way.”

Klowak said nearly 120 people attended the two shows, one on Friday evening and the other on Sunday afternoon. She believed Henderson received nearly 22 tattoos, each one representing a person’s secret.

“It really was partially like a party, like he wanted,” she said. “There were bursts of dance parties in glitter ... And, of course, there were people crying.”

Organizers expected the shows to last two hours but the Sunday event went for three. So many people wanted to tell Henderson their secrets and he said he was OK, Klowak said.

“Death has been the greatest gift of my life because it allowed me to fully embrace my true and honest self,” Henderson told Torstar News Service last week. He said his terminal diagnosis allowed him to embrace his genderqueer identity, meaning he feels both male and female, and encouraged him to show off his feminine side — getting his nails done and wearing outfits that made him feel beautiful.

Klowak last saw Henderson after the Sunday show, when they had a conversation about how grateful he was to the event team. On Wednesday, she received a text from his mother, who attended both shows, telling her he’d died.

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Peter Fahrenholtz, the new German Consul General in Toronto, is on a mission to find out how Canadians successfully integrate newcomers. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

Canada a success story in integration

MIGRATION

Germany looks to learn from us on welcoming Syrian refugees

Gilbert Ngabo
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A month after arriving in Toronto as Germany's Consul General, Peter Fahrenholtz still marvels at the city's makeup.

"I'm fascinated by how this huge city of Toronto has shaped itself into an international multicultural city," he said Wednesday at his Bloor-Yonge office, overlooking the downtown skyline.

"It's like everyone from everywhere lives here," he said, noting even most of Germans who've immigrated to Canada have integrated to the point where they've forgotten how to speak their native language.

"I don't know how Toronto and Canada in general is so successful at doing this," he said.

But part of Fahrenholtz's mission is to figure out the answer. On Thursday he'll meet with local scholars, researchers and immigration service providers for a private discussion about newcomer integration. The panel will also include Germany's visiting minister of state for Europe, Michael Roth.

Various delegations from Germany have visited Canada all year long to learn about how the country successfully welcomed more than 25,000 Syrian refugees, especially the role of private sponsors in the process.

The most populous nation in Europe opened its door to over one million refugees last year, but the process of integration has been very slow, Fahrenholtz said.

While newcomer children in Toronto are already enrolled in school and adults are finding their footing in the job market, he said most European countries — including Germany — are still fighting with the mere idea of acceptance.

"Naturally people get worried and skeptical about welcoming strangers," he said.

In the meantime, Canada's reputation of embracing everyone regardless of their cultural or religious roots has left many Germans with nothing but admiration.

"Everyone in Germany loves Canadians, even when they don't know much about Canada," Fahrenholtz said.

> **It's like everyone from everywhere lives here.**
> Peter Fahrenholtz

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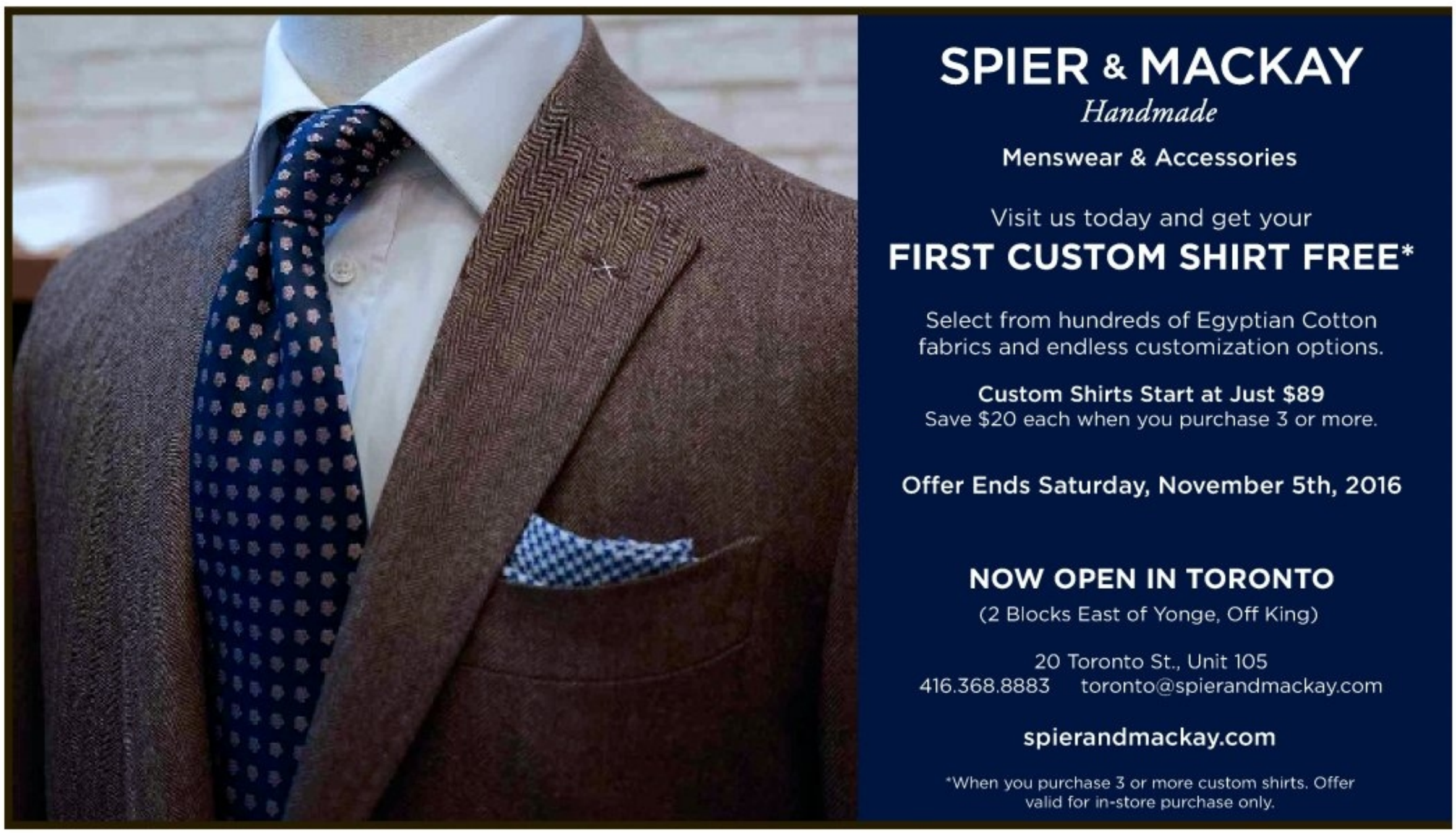
Ambassador Fahrenholtz is hosting a series of roundtable discussions to learn more about Toronto and Canada. Metro reporter Gilbert Ngabo is among those who have been invited to participate.



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Children's wellbeing worsening

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Investment needed to offset effects, expert says

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

As child poverty in British Columbia climbs, kids are reaching school age more vulnerable than anytime in the past 15 years, a new University of B.C. report has found.

One in every three B.C. children now enters Kindergarten under-performing on a childhood wellbeing index developed by the university's Human Early Learning Partnership, the Early Development Instrument (EDI).

"We've tried to understand how children are doing," explained UBC school of population and public health researcher Martin Guhn in a phone interview, "and what the context factors are related to their health, wellbeing, and vulnerability.

"Historically, people looked at IQ or language development. But with the EDI, we tried to be more broad and holistic."

To achieve that, HELP relied on questionnaires Kindergarten teachers across the province fill out for each student every February. The teachers are asked to rate each child based on their physical health, social skills, emotional maturity, language development and communication abilities.

The results of this year's report: roughly 14,000 British Columbia kids — 32.2 per cent of children — are deemed vulnerable in at least one of EDI's wellbeing measurements when they reach elementary school. A decade ago, it stood at less than 30 per cent, he said.

"It has slowly crept up," Guhn warned. But he added that not all the indicators were negative; B.C. kids' literacy and numeracy have improved. Instead, teachers are reporting worsening aggressive and hyperactive behaviours among six-year-olds.

He said that there's no single cause, but researchers believe it may be linked to everything from sugary and fatty diets to plastics and lead in the environment, and a lack of physical activity and outdoor playtime.

> **Children seem to be having an increase in challenges around social and emotional development and their ability to self-regulate**
> Joanne Schroder

"None by themselves can explain the shift we've been seeing," he cautioned.

The findings don't surprise one B.C. organization that's followed the EDI closely over recent years.

"Children seem to be having an increase in challenges around social and emotional development and their ability to self-regulate," said Joanne Schroeder, executive director of the Comox Valley Child Development Association, who also noted an observable rise in childhood anxiety.

"Generally as a population, we're more stressed and anxious, and our kids are certainly reflecting that."

She attributed the problem to several factors, including parents overprotecting kids — "bubble-wrapped children," she quipped, "protected from confusion, disappointment and mud puddles" — but also said high levels of child poverty in B.C. are a major factor in children's wellbeing.

"The stress of living in poverty is not good for kids' development," she said. "Many families with young children are working long hours to balance child care and shift work.

"We definitely need increased public investment in early childhood development, and in child care in particular, and also early childhood services which are a bit fragmented."

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Canada falls in gender parity

EQUALITY

Report still gives us full marks for education

"Because it's 2015" may have been reason enough for Canada's Prime Minister to close the gender gap in cabinet last year, but that didn't stop the country from dropping in global rankings of gender parity this year.

Canada ranked 35th on the World Economic Forum's 2016 Global Gender Gap Report, dropping five positions from last year, largely due to lower scores on economic participation and opportunities.

The annual survey of 144 countries measures such factors as salary, educational attainment and the number of women in senior workplace and political positions. Globally, the survey found the widest gap between the sexes exists in political empowerment.

Canada recorded a drop in female legislators, senior officials and managers, it said. But the forum acknowledged advances made at the Parliamentary level in Canada.

The U.S. also fell, to 45th, down from 28th in 2015, largely due to a decrease in women's economic participation and opportunity.

The Switzerland-based forum's annual report suggested it will take another 170 years to close the global wage gap between the genders if current trends continue. That was worse than estimates last year – that it would take another 118 years to close the gap entirely.

"The gaps between women and men on economic participation and political empowerment remain wide: only 59 per cent of the economic participation gap has been closed — a continued reversal on several years of progress," the forum said.

Globally, the report suggested the education gap could be fully closed within 10 years and it gave Canada full scores on educational attainment for women.

"(Canada's) gender gap in Educational Attainment has remained fully closed since 2013," it said.

Still, Canadian women hit the "glass ceiling" in earnings and workplace advancement after they graduate, reports suggest.

Canadian women are earning about $8,000 less per year than men doing an equivalent job – nearly double the global average, women's empowerment group Catalyst Canada found last year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

EQUALITY

The top five countries for gender equality were: Iceland, Finland, Norway and Sweden and Rwanda, where the constitution requires women to hold at least 30 per cent of top political roles. Yemen was ranked last on the index.

WEATHER

Farmer canoes daily to stranded cattle after deliberate flooding

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg

About 400 cattle are stranded and could soon be starving on a family farm in northwest Manitoba due to the forced flooding of a nearby lake.

Farmer Tim Berscheid is travelling by canoe daily to feed his cows, calves and bulls, which are stuck on what used to be a dry pasture. He said he has enough dry hay to feed them until Thursday and beyond that he's "still trying to solve that puzzle."

"I'm running out of time, I'm running out of feed and I'm still looking for options," Berscheid said by phone.

Berscheid's farm of about 35 years is located in the rural municipality of Kelsey, a community of about 2,100 people close to 620 kilometres northwest of Winnipeg. The area has seen extreme flooding due to heavy rainfall this past summer.

Next door to Berscheid's farm is Pasquia Lake, a basin that's been deliberately flooded numerous times in the last six weeks because of the excessive rainfall.

About 400 cows, bulls and calves are stranded on a northwest Manitoba farm. CONTRIBUTED

The decision to pump the lake is made by a committee with members from the Pasquia Growers Association, the RM of Kelsey and provincial government officials.

Berscheid said he has a meeting scheduled with a spokesperson from the provincial agriculture department Thursday to try to find solutions for his situation.

The deliberate lake pumping was necessary because of "unprecedented rains and flooding for this time of year," a spokesman from Manitoba Agriculture said. "As a result, pumps near this property are activated in accordance to guidelines developed in consultation with a committee."

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Clinton on cusp of history: Poll

U.S. ELECTION

Democratic nominee has significant lead

Hillary Clinton appears on the cusp of a potentially commanding victory over Donald Trump, fueled by solid Democratic turnout in early voting, massive operational advantages and increasing enthusiasm among her supporters.

A new Associated Press-GfK poll released Wednesday finds the Democratic nominee has grabbed significant advantages over her Republican rival with just 12 days left before Election Day. Among them: consolidating the support of her party and even winning some Republicans.

"I'm going to pick Hillary at the top and pick Republican straight down the line," said poll respondent William Goldstein, a 71-year-old from Long Island, New York, who voted for Mitt Romney in 2012. "I can't vote for Trump."

Overall, the poll shows Clinton leading Trump nationally by a staggering 14 percentage points among likely voters, 51-37. While that is one of her largest margins among recent national surveys, most show the former secretary of state with a substantial national lead over the billionaire businessman.

The AP-GfK poll finds that Clinton has secured the support of 90 per cent of likely Democratic voters, and also has the backing of 15 per cent of more moderate Republicans. Just 79 per cent of all Republicans surveyed say they are voting for their party's nominee.

With voting already underway in 37 states, Trump's opportunities to overtake Clinton seem to be quickly evaporating.

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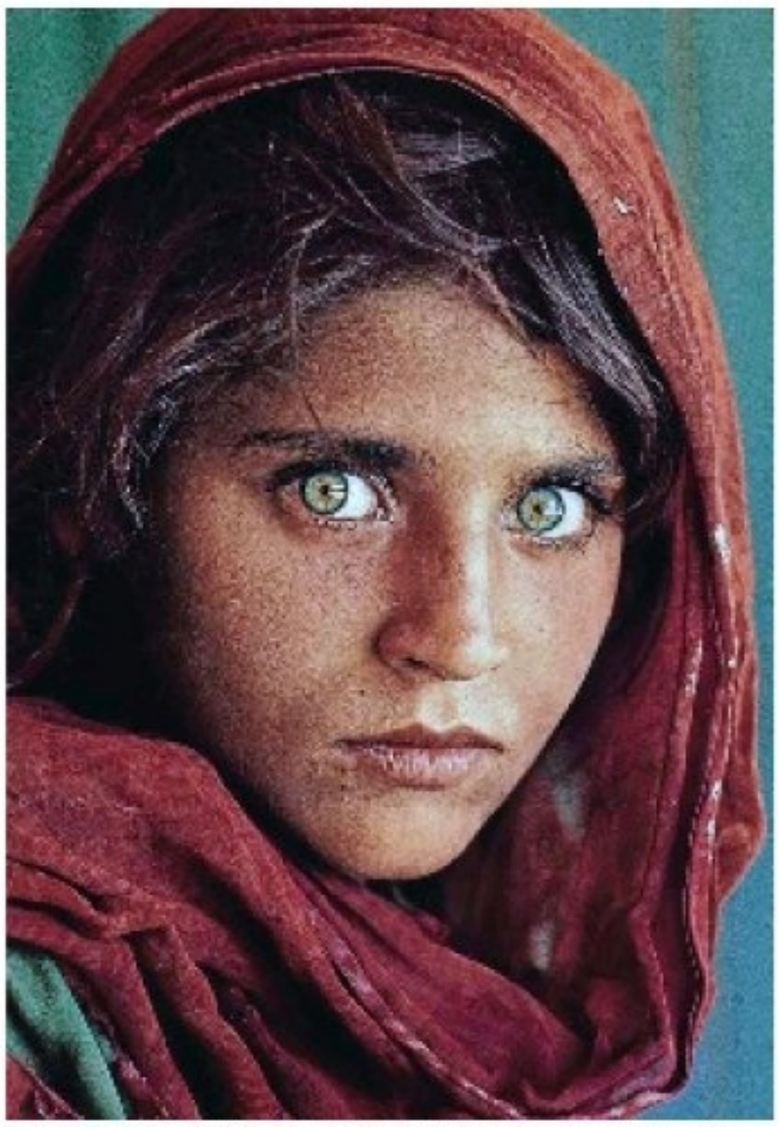

PAKISTAN FAMED 'AFGHAN GIRL' ARRESTED A Pakistani investigator says the police have arrested National Geographic's famed green-eyed 'Afghan Girl' for having a fake Pakistani identity card. Officials arrested Sharbat Gulla during a raid on Wednesday at a home in Peshawar. Gulla was an Afghan refugee girl when she gained fame in 1984 after photographer Steve McCurry's photograph of her, with piercing green eyes, was published on the cover of National Geographic. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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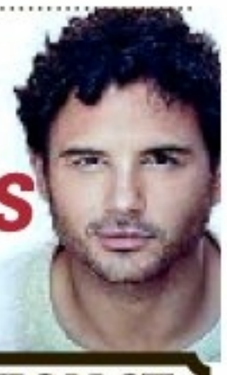

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Migrants stand on a hill overlooking the "Jungle" migrant camp in Calais, France on Wednesday. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Migrants' future home unknown

FRANCE

Crews moving in to clear the ruins of camp

The grim camp known as "the jungle," a symbol of Europe's failure to come to grips with its crisis over asylum seekers, is no more.

French authorities declared Wednesday they had cleared out the camp after most of its thousands of residents were driven away on buses — an evacuation accelerated because some of the frustrated, departing migrants set fire to parts of the burgeoning slum.

> **This jungle is no good. We go to new jungle.**
> Muhammad Afridi

Smoke hung in the air as dusk fell, its stench a reminder of how one of the world's wealthiest nations was unable to create order at the camp, where those fleeing war and poverty have lived in squalor for months or longer.

Most of the camp's former residents, foiled in their bid to enter Britain despite reaching the port city of Calais on the edge of the English Channel, are being relocated to communities throughout France, where authorities have pledged to give them decent shelter and advice about how to seek asylum so they can stay in Europe rather than return to trouble spots in the Middle East, Africa and Asia.

Some refused the offer, however, preferring to take their chances trying to hop trucks heading to ferries crossing the English channel or on the speeding Eurostar trains that connect France to Britain via the nearby Eurotunnel.

"This jungle is no good. We go to new jungle," said a 20-year-old Pakistani, Muhammad Afridi.

He said he was joining 30 friends in a place he refused to identify that could be used as a jumping off point for clandestine, and risky, passage to England.

Siddiq, a 17-year-old Afghan who spent 11 months in the camp, said the fires terrified him overnight, especially when gas tanks ignited. The Associated Press is not using the last names of teenage migrants because of their vulnerable situation.

He said he left and slept under a nearby bridge despite the freezing temperatures. He has been trying without success to get to Britain by truck.

"My heart, it is broken," he said. "I can't do anything, even eat."

Crews were moving in Wednesday night with heavy equipment to clear the charred ruins and remove any tents and shelters that remained standing. Authorities said earlier that four Afghans were detained on suspicion of torching parts of the camp.

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Including women pays off: UN chief

Making sure women are a key part of negotiations to end conflicts pays off in longer-lasting peace deals, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Tuesday.

The UN chief cited one finding among many: "Peace accords are 35 per cent more likely to last at least 15 years if women are at the table."

Ban told the UN Security Council that "more women than ever before are making decisions for peace and security in the halls of governments and international organizations," citing the Colombia peace talks.

However, the secretary-general expressed anger at the meeting on Women, Peace and Security that women continue to be excluded and ignored in many peace processes, humanitarian programs and peacebuilding plans.

"Look at the pictures of peace negotiations on Syria or Yemen," Ban said. "There may be one woman at the table or in the delegation. This is fully representative of the general picture."

The secretary-general urged the Security Council to put women and girls at the centre of UN peace operations, and to consider ways to make peace negotiations more diverse.

"After more than 5 years of advocacy, this has not happened," he said. "Clearly new ideas and stronger action are needed."

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, the head of UN Women, told the council that on the plus side, the percentage of peace agreements containing provisions on gender equality has increased from 22 per cent to 70 per cent in the last five years.

But she said that in Mali, there was only one woman out of 62 members of the committee in charge of monitoring and implementing the West African nation's peace agreement.

In Iraq, Mlambo-Ngcuka said, there wasn't a single woman in the four command groups administering the return of people to liberated areas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Proof is accumulating that home prices are rising at a faster rate, Canada's federal housing agency said Wednesday. The agency increased its risk rating for the national housing market to its highest level for the first time. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Home prices rising at a faster rate: Feds

REAL ESTATE

Risk rating upgraded to 'strong' by housing agency

There is mounting proof that home prices are rising at a faster rate, Canada's federal housing agency said Wednesday as it increased its risk rating for the national housing market to its highest level for the first time.

Back in July, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. said there was little indication of price acceleration, which occurs when home prices are climbing faster than the historical average.

But in its latest housing market assessment report released Wednesday, CMHC said it now sees moderate evidence that price acceleration is occurring on a national level.

Accelerating prices are a possible sign that speculation — the buying and selling of homes to turn a profit — is taking place, according to the agency.

CMHC also said there was strong evidence that increases in income and population growth have not kept up with the rise in home prices over the last quarter.

The two factors combined prompted CMHC to raise a red flag about possible risks in the national housing market for the first time ever, hiking its risk rating from moderate to strong.

However, the agency is predicting that the market will start to balance itself out next year, with both sales and the pace of housing starts expected to decline next year before stabilizing in 2018.

"When you have an imbalance like what we're seeing right now in that the level of prices is beyond what fundamentals can support, over the medium term, those kinds of things historically have been resolved," CMHC chief economist Bob Dugan said during a conference call.

"So we would expect to see prices moving more in line with fundamentals rather than the spread just becoming wider and wider."

Royal LePage president Phil Soper said he agrees.

"The market does self-regulate and in only rare cases do you get a Vancouver situation, where in a relatively limited geographic area you see spiking home prices," Soper said.

CMHC said there is strong evidence of problematic conditions in Vancouver, Calgary, Saskatoon, Regina, Toronto and Hamilton.

Edmonton, Winnipeg, Montreal and Quebec City show moderate evidence of such conditions, the agency said.

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ECONOMY

Canada waits as EU trade deadline nears

In a race against the clock, the European Union edged closer Wednesday to being able to sign a free trade deal with Canada the next day after Belgium made progress in lifting the veto of one of its regions.

But it remained unclear to everyone — including, it seemed, the federal Liberal government — whether Prime Minister Justin Trudeau would be able fly to Brussels for an official signature ceremony Thursday, seven years after negotiations began.

EU President Donald Tusk told EU legislators Wednesday that "the summit tomorrow is still possible" after days of talks in Brussels between the national government and its regions seemed to be heading for a breakthrough. Belgium needs all its regions to sign on and the EU, in turn, needs unanimity among all its 28 states.

> **We are confident that in the coming days we will see a positive outcome.**
> Justin Trudeau

Trudeau, in his response to a query about the agreement during question period Wednesday, suggested he's prepared to wait out a longer timeline.

"We are confident that in the coming days we will see a positive outcome for this historic deal," the prime minister told the Commons.

Rudy Demotte, leader of the Wallonia-Brussels federation, which is closely aligned with the francophone Wallonia region in Belgium's byzantine constitutional structure, said that "we still need a bit of time for some verification and political contacts to see if the conditions are respected and if the texts match legally what we want to express politically."

Paul Magnette, the leader of Belgium's holdout region Wallonia, said that some details still need to be clarified, notably in the agriculture sector where he wants his farmers better protected.

If the regional leaders agree, the deal would likely still have to go back to the regional francophone legislatures for approval. It makes the deadline for signature ever tighter, making it more likely by the hour that Thursday's EU-Canada summit could be either scrapped or delayed.

Politicians in Wallonia, which has a population of 3.6 million compared to over 500 million for the whole EU, argue that the proposed accord would undermine labour, environment and consumer standards.

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OILSANDS

Production rebounds

Oilsands producers are expected to report back-to-business third-quarter results as they shrug off lingering impacts of the Fort McMurray wildfires Analysts expect to report Wednesday that oilsands output had been restored to over 440,000 bpd.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON THE SUPREME COURT APPOINTEE

Only a few months ago, a legal creature with Malcolm Rowe's attributes was widely deemed to not exist. Trudeau was deluded, some argued, if he thought he could find a bilingual Newfoundland-and-Labrador jurist with sterling credentials

As Justice Malcolm Rowe — Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's first appointee to the Supreme Court — fielded a barrage of questions from MPs and senators on Tuesday, there was nothing to suggest that he was not a flesh-and-blood person.

And yet, only a few months ago, a legal creature with Rowe's attributes was widely deemed to not exist.

Trudeau was deluded, some argued, if he thought he could find a Newfoundland-and-Labrador jurist with sterling credentials and the ability to work in either of Canada's official languages.

To read and listen to some of the commentary, one might have thought the prime minister had sent his headhunting committee on a quest for a unicorn. It may be that John Crosbie and Brian Tobin are to blame for that impression. Despite spending decades on Parliament Hill, neither of those famous political sons of N.L. managed to become fluent in French — at a cost to their national leadership aspirations.

And yet, not only does Rowe fit the job description, but in 2016 his status as a functionally bilingual non-Quebec jurist does not necessarily make him all that exceptional.

According to former prime minister Kim Campbell, who oversaw the process that led to the short list Trudeau chose Rowe from, more than a few of the applicants her group considered would have been both valuable additions to the Supreme Court roster and satisfied the language requirement.

THE CHOSEN ONE Justice Malcolm Rowe smiles during a question-and-answer session with members of the Commons justice committee on Tuesday in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

And yes, they hailed from every region of the country.

It should not come as a surprise that there is a discrepancy between the actual language proficiency of many non-Quebec judges and lawyers and the perceptions of the politicians and pundits who argue that to appoint Supreme Court justices among the ranks of bilingual applicants is to fish in an overly shallow pool.

After almost two decades at the Toronto Star, I still do not know exactly how many of my colleagues can handle an interview in French for we tend to speak to each other in English. Back when I mostly worked for French-language media organizations, the same was true when it came to the other journalists' proficiency in English.

When it comes to requiring fluency in both official languages to sit on the Supreme Court or, for that matter, to lead a federal party, the real question is not whether otherwise qualified candidates will not be considered, but whether those who are would make the short list if French/English bilingualism was not a criterion.

In the case of Justice Rowe, the answer is yes.

Based on his answers to the NDP and the Bloc Québécois Tuesday, a French-speaking lawyer would feel confident that if he or she were to plead in French, Rowe would grasp the nuances of the arguments.

That is not a whim, for nuances and sometimes a bit more than that are often lost in simultaneous translation. Just ask the Senate's French-speaking members. Most of them stuck to English during the debate over medically assisted suicide last spring for fear of not getting their points across.

Just last week, NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair mocked the prime minister, in French, after the latter called him "le membre". In street French, the expression can refer to a male private part. That was lost on Hansard translators. They quoted Mulcair as reprimanding Trudeau for having used the word "deputy."

Rowe's appointment has put flesh on the bone of the Liberal requirement that applicants for a Supreme Court appointment should be functionally bilingual. At one point, Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould suggested it might not be necessary to speak French and English to meet the criteria.

Rowe's appointment sets the bar quite a bit higher. There are contenders currently running for Stephen Harper's succession who could not meet it.

By all indications, the bilingualism criterion for Supreme Court appointments is here to stay. Wilson-Raybould told a parliamentary committee as much this week. It will be hard for future governments to set aside the practice, or for this one to lower the fluency standard it has just set with this appointment.

The next scheduled Supreme Court vacancy is expected to be that of chief justice Beverley McLachlin, who will reach the compulsory retirement age of 75 in 2018.

Anyone interested in vying for a seat on the top court should consider that fair warning. He or she has two years to hit the books.

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VICKY MOCHAMA

Male-female pay gap is cities' problem, too

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The federal government is considering legislation that will mandate pay equity for federally regulated workers. But that legislation — if it comes to fruition at all — won't be tabled until 2018. I have "end patriarchy" scheduled for 2017 so that seems a little late. In the meantime, there's work that cities should do.

Armine Yalnizyan of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, told me that cheap and efficient social services can help close the gap between men and women. "If you have affordable childcare in your community, your boss doesn't need to pay you more."

For example, transit greatly affects women's ability to work. It also determines which neighbourhoods they can live in and whether their kids can safely get around. In this way, city governments can work to give women more options and a better quality of life without having to rely on employers to raise wages, or on higher levels of government to mandate wage increases.

If social services that help offset the pay gap aren't being prioritized in city governments, getting more women into decision-making roles could change that. Currently only five urban centres have women as mayors. None of the seven biggest cities in English Canada has anything close to an equal male-female split in city council. And in those cities' governments, women are underrepresented in non-elected senior management positions.

The representation problem is even more urgent when it comes to indigenous and racialized women, for whom the pay-equity gap is especially severe. Indigenous women underearn both indigenous and non-indigenous men. The gap actually increases for indigenous women with university degrees.

I'm sure the Prime Minister would love to click his heels and grant women the money they've been missing. But pay equity isn't just a problem for the feds. City centres need to take it seriously too.

If not, urban women from all backgrounds might just start taking longer lunches.

CITY BY CITY

Regional gaps

Women's average earnings as a percentage of men's average earnings

1. **Ottawa** — 78%
2. **Toronto** — 77%
3. **Winnipeg** — 75%
4. **Vancouver** — 73%
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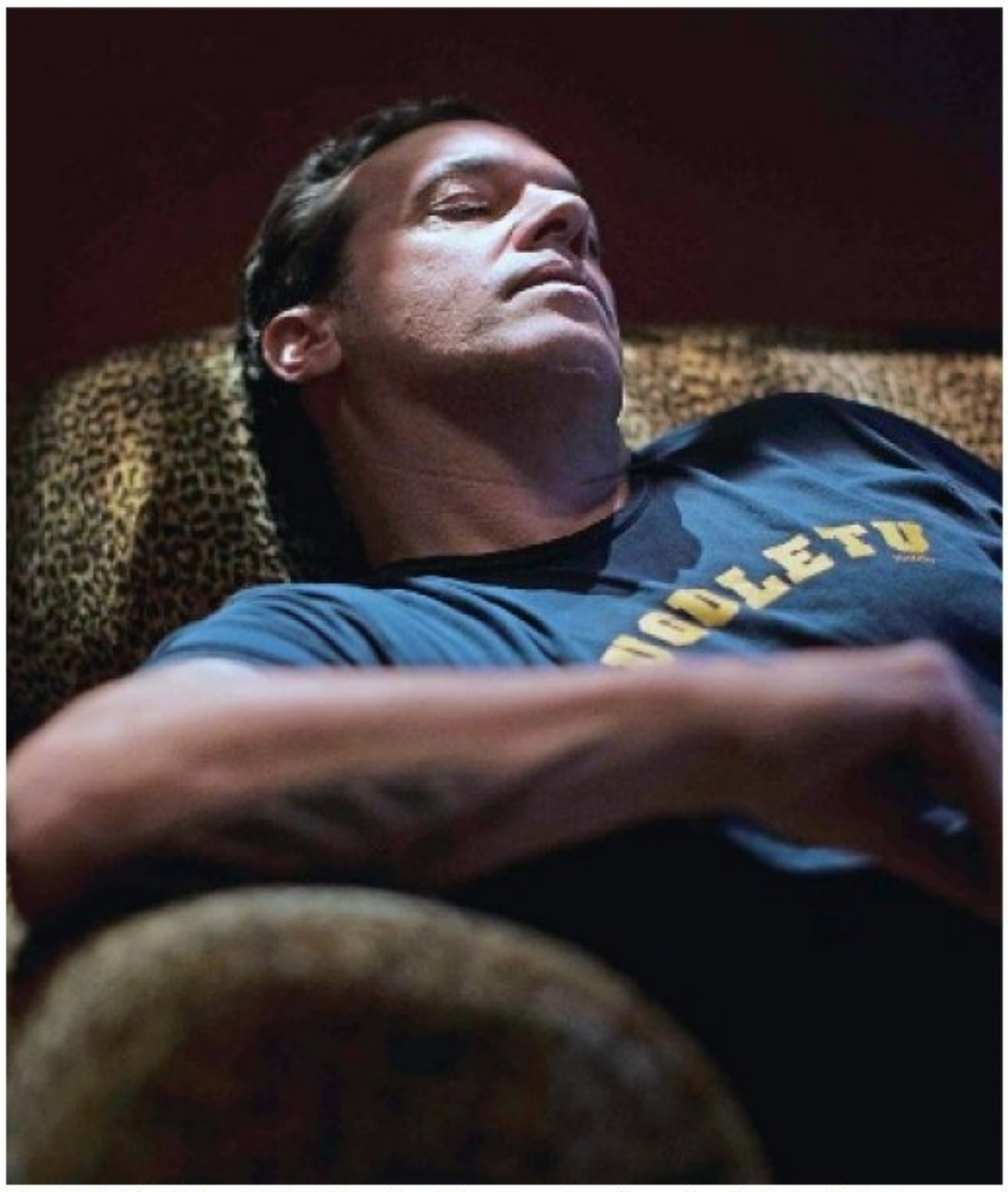


Joseph Boyden in Toronto last Thursday. Fifty years since the untimely death of Chanie Wenjack, Joseph Boyden is part of a collective of Canadian artists bringing renewed attention to the indigenous boy's tragic story. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Joseph Boyden cried while writing about Chanie Wenjack

Fifty years since the untimely death of Chanie Wenjack, Joseph Boyden is part of a collective of Canadian artists bringing renewed attention to the indigenous boy's tragic story.

The acclaimed author and his friend, Tragically Hip frontman Gord Downie, first learned of Chanie's story from Downie's brother, Mike. He directed them to a 1967 Maclean's article by Ian Adams called The Lonely Death of Chanie Wenjack. Boyden was also aware of the song Charlie Wenjack by the late aboriginal singer and activist Willie Dunn.

Chanie was forcibly removed from his family home in the northern Ontario community of Ogoki Post and sent to the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School in Kenora, some 600 kilometres away. He eventually fled but died trying to find his way home. His body was discovered along railroad tracks. Chanie was only 12.

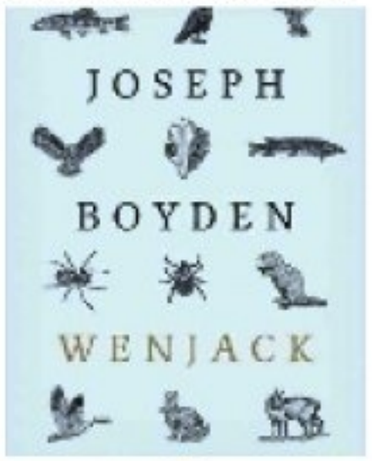
His death led to the first public inquiry into residential schools in Canada. The last of those institutions was shuttered in 1996.

"In so many ways, he's symbolic of the true tragedy of the residential school system. He puts a face to it, and we all recognize that," Boyden said in a recent interview.

Downie translated a collection of poems into music with his latest solo project, Secret Path. The 10-track album is accompanied by a graphic novel by Jeff Lemire and an animated film slated to be broadcast by CBC on Sunday.

In Wenjack, Boyden presents a fictional retelling of the young Ojibwe boy's story. Chanie is followed by Manitous, or spirits of the forest, which provide commentary as well as a form of comfort on his attempted journey home. The book features illustrations by Cree artist Kent Monkman depicting the various Manitous, which include an owl, mouse, pike and wood tick.

"The animals start showing up and telling the bigger story and Chanie's telling his story," said Boyden. "I did not plan for that book to come out that way, but I felt like I was channelling something important."



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Boyden said he has spoken on the phone with Pearl Achneepineskum, Chanie's sister, and wanted to ensure he had her blessing to proceed with the project. His author's note is accompanied by the only known existing photo of Chanie, sporting a shy smile.

Boyden said he was also asked by electronic music group A Tribe Called Red to contribute a few spoken word tracks on Chanie, while Métis filmmaker Terril Calder has created a stop-motion animated film.

"It was really this kind of interesting collaboration where we didn't really converse with each other. All of these different artists went to their places all with the understanding that on Oct. 18, let's release it to the world."

Clocking in just under 100 pages, the Wenjack novella is Boyden's shortest work but one that had a profound impact on the award-winning author, who said he cried while writing the end of the book.

"It was exhausting to write, but it was also kind of a joyful experience. I think there's hope in this story. Chanie gets to breathe again, but in a different way. He gets to have his story told. He doesn't want to be forgotten. He wants to be around.

"I could sense that about him, you know? Maybe this is how he gets to do it — all of these different artists breathing life into it."

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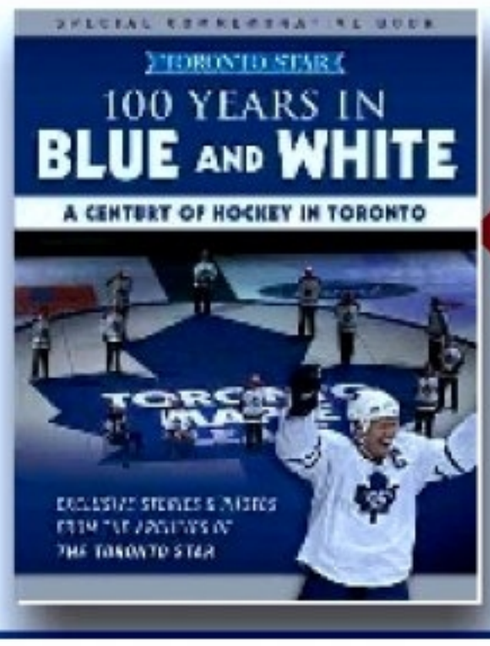

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Put on your skates: It's the dawn of a new NHL season, and these five new books should score with fans — both diehard and bandwagon.

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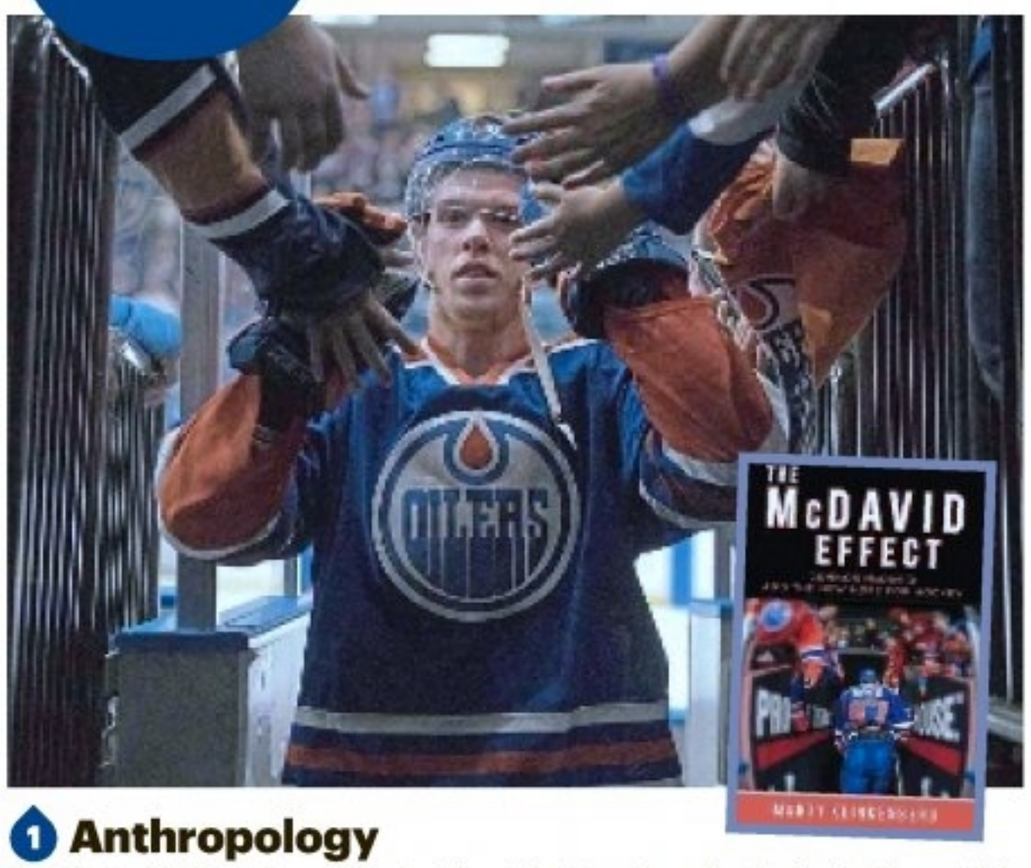
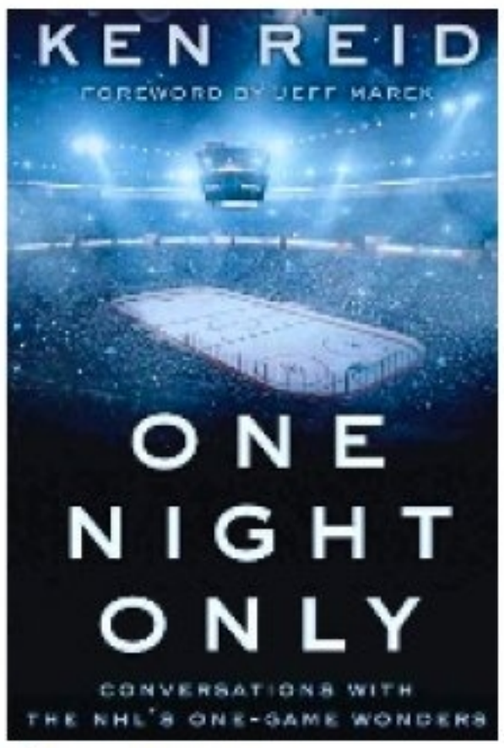


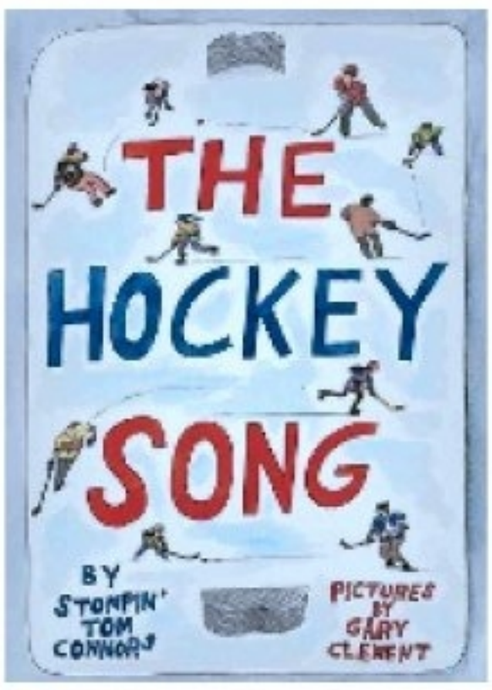
1 Anthropology

The McDavid Effect: Connor McDavid and the New Hope for Hockey by Marty Klinkenberg is about so much more than Connor McDavid, or indeed a game involving ice, rubber and sticks. It is, in effect, a work of social anthropology documenting how a 19-year-old kid born in Richmond Hill, who grew up in Newmarket, Ont., has instilled renewed pride in the Edmonton Oilers and a city sorely in need of a renewed sense of itself. McDavid, who became the youngest captain of a team in NHL history earlier this month, joined the team at the beginning of the last season, so Klinkenberg has done some breakneck skating himself, concluding his story in April.



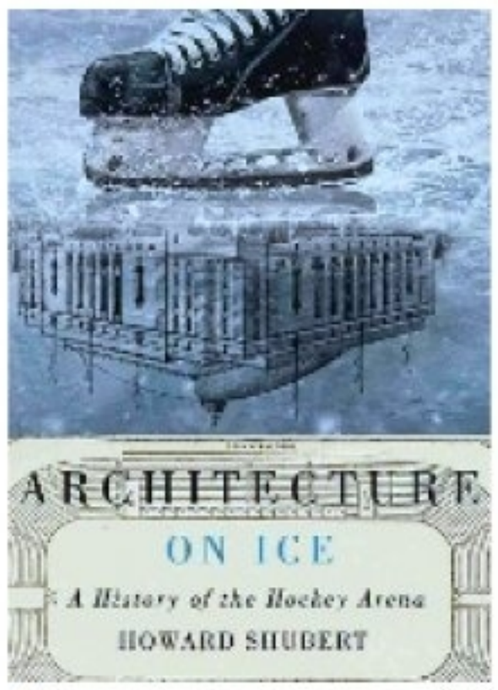
2 Anthology

Here's a nifty idea for a hockey book: Ken Reid, the co-anchor of Sportsnet Central, tracked down 40 of the 350-odd men who have played a single NHL game for One Night Only: Conversations With the NHL's One-Game Wonders. Each explains how their one game came about, and how it felt to play in the world's greatest hockey league, if only briefly. Reid has an encyclopedic grasp of the game and an affable storytelling facility. Fun fact: His final one-game wonder is Don Cherry, in 1955 a 21-year-old first-year pro, who one night played for the Bruins against the Canadiens.



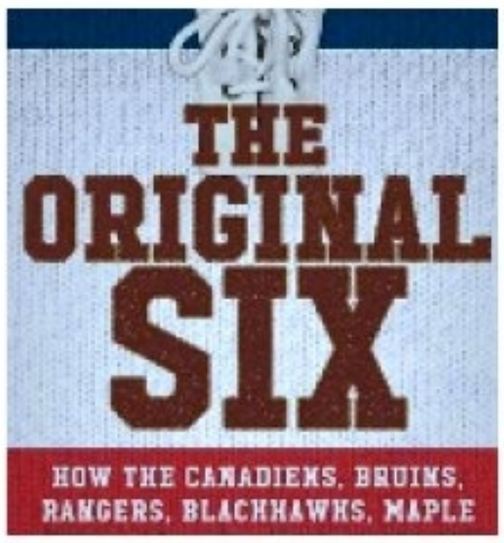
3 Music

Stompin' Tom's iconic "The Hockey Song" has been — and still is — played at games throughout North America, a rousing paean to, in his words, "the best game you can name." Now the new book The Hockey Song, Stompin' Tom Connors arrives for a new generation illustrated by the inimitable Gary Clements, who begins with a dad and his son heading out for a shinny game in an urban rink, the city lights twinkling in the distance. Everyone is included, black, brown and white, men and women, young and old, wearing every team insignia imaginable.



4 Design

In Architecture on Ice: A History of the Hockey Arena, Howard Shubert, the former curator of prints and drawings at the Canadian Centre for Architecture, presents this definitive tour of skating rinks and arenas — including 164 archival photos — from the earliest days, when community rinks were primarily venues for fun and flirtation to today's mammoth entertainment centres, where hockey is but one of the draws. Fun fact: arenamaps.com lists almost 3,000 indoor and outdoor rinks in Canada, more than 1,000 in Ontario alone.

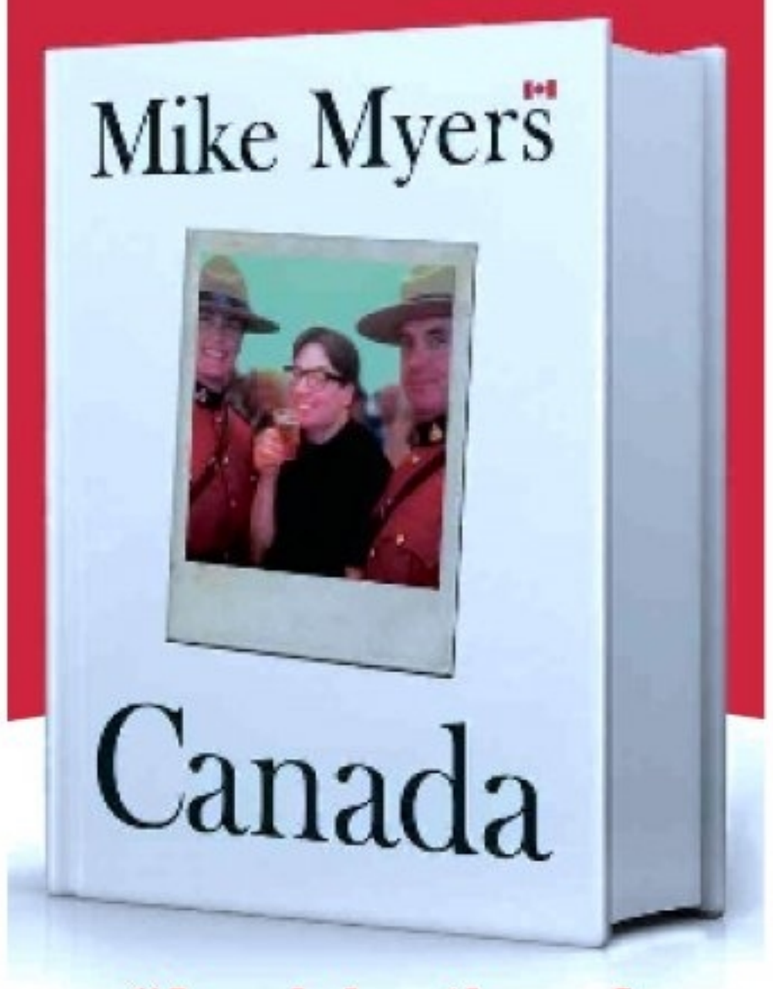


5 History

The Original Six: How the Canadiens, Bruins, Rangers, Blackhawks, Maple Leafs, and Red Wings Laid the Groundwork for Today's NHL will prove irresistible for hockey historians and trivia buffs. Each team — from Montreal (1909, at the Jubilee Arena), Toronto (1917, at Mutual Street Arena, when the team was called the Toronto Arenas), Boston (1924, at the Boston Arena), New York Rangers (1926, at Madison Square Garden), Chicago (1926, at Chicago Coliseum) and Detroit (1926, at Border Cities Arena, in Windsor) — gets equal time.

Oh Canada

Mike Myers' hilarious and heartfelt look at Canada is part memoir, part history, and pure entertainment.



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Nova Scotia author taps into the witching power

FEMINIST WRITING

Physical melds with spiritual in historical fiction tale

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

Nova Scotia author Ami McKay has always been open to the occult and inexplicable magical occurrences, from her early days insisting on dressing as a witch every Halloween, through her black-lipsticked teenage goth years.

Beloved for her historical fiction since the arrival of her best-selling 2006 debut novel, The Birth House, McKay has found a way to incorporate her love of the unknown into the genre with her new book, The Witches of New York.

"It feels like a natural progression but I think some people will find, because there is so much magic in it, that it is a departure from straight-up historical fiction," McKay says. "But I found it really freeing to write about magic as if it's real."

The Witches of New York was originally born because McKay couldn't let go of Moth, the mind-reading protagonist from her last novel, The Virgin Cure. In this new story, set in 1880s New York City, Moth — who now goes by the name Adelaide — has opened a tea shop with Eleanor, a witch who administers all sorts of potions and herbal remedies to high-society ladies. When a young woman named Beatrice, with mystical powers of her own, begins working at the shop, both the spiritual and physical worlds are shaken up by her presence.

Like McKay's previous books, The Witches of New York is bound together by her deep research, feminist passion and love of the era. But something else — magic again, perhaps — was at play here. While writing, McKay takes breaks for brain rest. Baking, gardening, beekeeping and World of Warcraft have been great distractions. But during The Witches of New York, she began doing genealogical research, and discovered that Nathaniel Hawthorne, author of The Scarlet Letter, was a very distant cousin. As McKay was reading his biography, she made an unsettling discovery: she is also related to one of the harshest judges who presided during the Salem witch trials, when 20 people were executed for practicing the "Devil's magic."

> **I found it really freeing to write about magic as if it's real.**
> Ami McKay

"It made me angry. Here I am writing about witches and misogyny and feminist power, and he's the one I'm related to," McKay says. "I wrote in my journal that day, 'I'm going to make this guy roll in his grave.'"

But the "most moving and emotional experience" for McKay was also learning that she had an aunt who was hanged for witchcraft in Salem, and four more who were accused, but not killed. "Perhaps these things are in our blood — we carry this genetic memory with us," she says.

There were moments too coincidental for McKay to ignore. Like the woman, who self-identified as a witch, whom McKay met on a plane on her way to Toronto for a book-publicity event.

"Once you open yourself up to it, you realize the whole world is magic," McKay says. "And if you don't believe, I feel really sorry for you."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

BOOK BRIEFS

Michael Bloomberg co-authoring climate change book

Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is working with environmentalist Carl Pope on a book about climate change. St. Martin's Press told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Overheated: How Cooler Heads Can Cool the World will come out April 18. According to St. Martin's, Bloomberg and Pope hope to remove the "partisan rhetoric" and offer "viable, concrete solutions."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Divergent author to tour in for new book

Veronica Roth wants the tour for her sci-fi/fantasy novel Carve the Mark to be a little like the book itself, a "sojourn" defined by "exploration and curiosity." Roth's book comes out in mid-January and HarperCollins told The Associated Press on Wednesday that she will visit 10 cities, starting in New York on Jan. 17. Roth expects an enthusiastic, but calmer reception than when she promoted the last of the Divergent books, Allegiant.

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GRAPHIC NOVEL

One hundred tales, one tangled web

Mike Donachie
Metro | Canada

One Hundred Nights of Hero
BY: Isabel Greenberg
PUBLISHER: Bond Street Books/Penguin Random House

If any book is a labour of love, it's this one.

Isabel Greenberg's beautiful work, in the tradition of the Arabian Nights, tells of two women and their attempts to use stories to keep men at bay.

It owes a lot to Neil Gaiman, too, but this gorgeous volume comes from a female voice, tapping into themes of betrayal, danger and, above all, love.

In the fictional kingdom of Migdalia Bavel, where men rule supreme and worship a god who took over as deity because he thought his daughter wasn't doing it right, Cherry is betrothed to a man, Jerome.

But Cherry loves Hope, her maidservant, and they have a secret relationship.

So when Jerome agrees to a bet in which his friend Manfred has 100 nights to seduce Cherry, the girls use the power of stories as a delaying tactic, like Sheherazade.

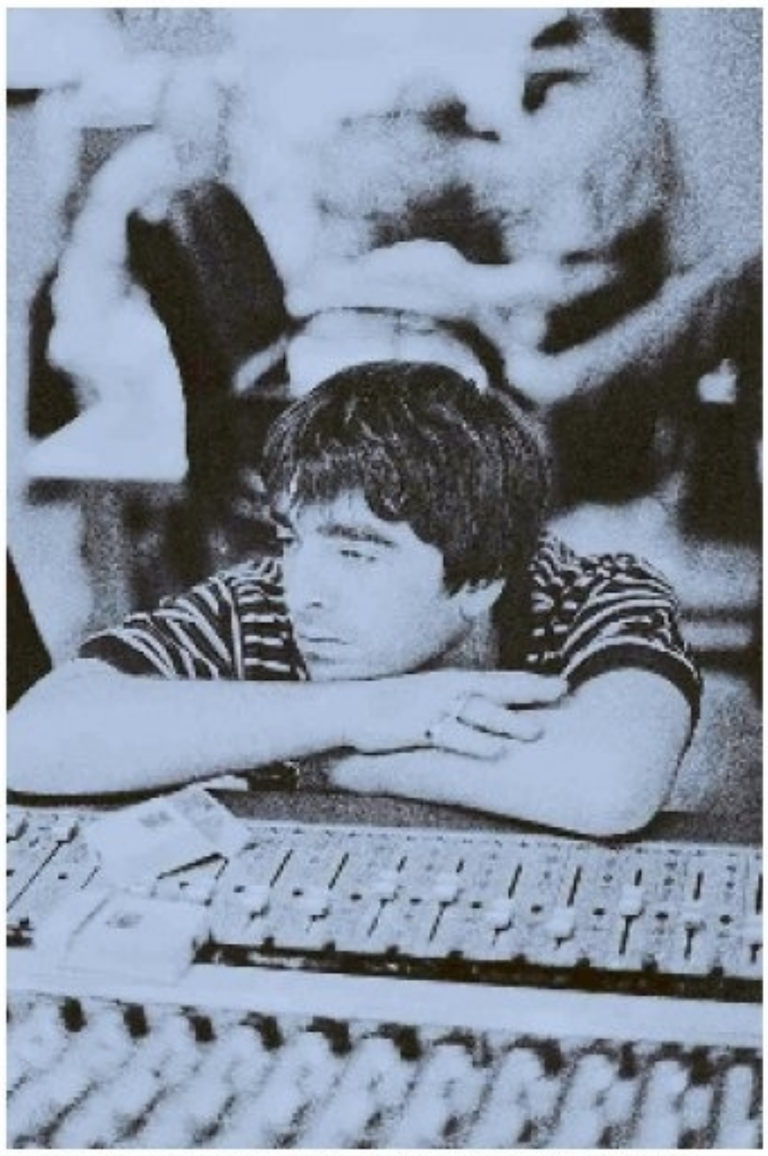
Unlike the queen in the Arabian Nights, however, these are stories about women and their secret tradition of storytelling, and they're compelling stuff.

Making a doc about your heroes

INTERVIEW

The super stress Mat Whitecross faced with the brothers Oasis

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada



Noel Gallagher, one half of the perpetually squabbling siblings. The documentary Oasis: Supersonic will play Thursday, Oct. 27 on 40 screens across Canada. COURTESY JILL FURMANOVKSY

It's a stern warning that has been repeated many times throughout history: You should never meet your heroes.

But that is exactly what documentary filmmaker Mat Whitecross did when he set out to make a movie about music superstars Oasis.

"I had the posters on the wall, I had the albums, the singles, I was reading about them every week in all the music magazines — so it was kind of nerve-wracking," recalled the director of Oasis: Supersonic ahead of the music doc's theatrical release.

"I was expecting it to be a disaster."

Whitecross had good reason for concern. Not only did Oasis rise to become Britain's biggest band in the '90s with hits like Wonderwall, but the Manchester act's two leads — Liam and Noel Gallagher — became notorious for sibling squabbles and fights, erratic behaviour and caustic outspoken statements.

These guys weren't exactly ambassadors of affability.

"That's part of the reason we made the film," insisted Whitecross of the impetus to profile the estranged Gallaghers.

"You've got the two brothers and that love-hate relationship; that volatile thing that played out so publicly is fascinating. Bands now don't have anywhere near the kind of danger around them."

Buoyed by archive footage and intimate tales of scandalous road stories, Oasis: Supersonic has been gaining acclaim for its inspection of both the discord and devotion between the brothers that once brazenly called themselves the next Beatles.

Yet, even seven years after their final performance, Whitecross still isn't able to get the siblings together in a room to talk about the storied career that earned them a place in the Guinness Book of Records for most consecutive Top Ten singles.

"Liam will talk very affectionately about Noel and Noel similarly about Liam.

> **I've worked with a lot of musicians and actors and so on in the past and I never get stage fright, I never get nervous. But the first two times I met Liam and Noel separately, I was absolutely s—ing myself**
> Mat Whitecross

WILD MOMENTS

The Whiskey a Go-Go Show
Oasis made their American debut at L.A.'s famous rock club Whiskey a Go-Go apparently after taking crystal meth. "It was a total disaster," said Whitecross.

"The set list was wrong, people were playing different songs. Then Liam threw a tambourine at Noel and Noel stormed off and quit the band."

Near-death in Detroit
Celebrating the band's success in America, Noel went on a drug binge and attempted to avoid slumber. "He didn't go to bed for like a week," said Whitecross.

"They had to take him to (a hospital) and pump him full of stuff to stop him from dying."

"Then five minutes later, they slag each other off," laughed the 39-year-old filmmaker who has directed music videos for the likes of Jay-Z and Coldplay.

"I used to joke these are like therapy sessions. For Liam, definitely — it was like the therapy he never had, but they both seemed to enjoy the process of going back in a huge amount of detail over the past."

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WHAT I'M WATCHING

Captain obvious helms this show

THE SHOW: Locked Up Abroad, Season 10, Episode 1 (T&E)
THE MOMENT: The master of understatement

Jim Pap Rocki tells his story to the camera, accompanied by filmed, bad-wig recreations: In 1972, he's 19, newly married. His wife is pregnant. He needs cash.

His glamorous brother-in-law is flying 1,000 kilos of marijuana out of Mexico. Jim agrees to assist him for $20,000.

While flying home, the extra fuel tank reheats. The dope catches on fire. The plane crashes.

The Americans are arrested, tortured with cattle prods, and sentenced to five years in a terrifying Mexican prison.

Jim hears of a jailbreak plan. He gets his brother Kurt to wait outside in a car. The jailbreak fails. Kurt is tossed into the prison.

"So now I'm thinking," Jim says, "this is really starting to become a nightmare."

NOW it's a nightmare?

First of all, I find it remarkable that there are nine previous seasons of this series, given its rather limited scope. How different can the stories be? "I did something bad, I got caught."

I imagine everything hinges on how vividly the subject tells his tale.

Ole' Jim here, he's a straight-up guy. We don't hear the filmmakers' questions, but I can tell they're labouring to pry any emotion out of him: "You had a gun pointed at you — how did you feel?"

Jim's replies are, shall we say, pithy: "I realized we were in trouble."

"It was a bad, bad feeling."

Asked to sum up what he learned, Jim delivers my favourite line: "Looking back on it, it was not a very good decision." Best use of "very" ever.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

Apparently this show has been on for 10 seasons. Who knew? HANDOUT

Dr. Enric Sala, National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence and Leonardo DiCaprio, right, in the Canadian Arctic near the North Pole, filming the new documentary Before The Flood. CONTRIBUTED/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Leo was a reluctant star in climate change film

INTERVIEW

Canada-centric doc forced DiCaprio to be himself

Canada features prominently in Leonardo DiCaprio's new climate-change documentary Before The Flood and director Fisher Stevens said he was "really horrified" by scenes of the oilsands in north-eastern Alberta. "It does employ a lot of people," said Stevens of the oil industry, during an interview at the Toronto International Film Festival, where Before the Flood had its world premiere. The documentary will be screened in 171 countries, in 45 languages, when it debuts on the National Geographic Channel on Sunday.

"Look, we all want work, we all need jobs — God knows. And it would be great if it was like: 'Now, we take all of these people and we replant all of that forest.' Wouldn't that be amazing?"

DiCaprio is a producer on the film, which sees the actor travel to several continents and the Arctic, meeting with political and religious leaders, scientists and activists.

The Oscar-winning actor has been a longtime advocate for environmental issues, and was designated a United Nations Messenger of Peace with a special focus on climate change in 2014. Still, Stevens said DiCaprio was initially hesitant to appear on-screen, despite his passion for the film and the cause.

"He called me and he said: 'Hey, man, the planet's getting worse and I want to make another climate-change movie, and I want you to do it with me"' recalled Stevens, an actor and filmmaker whose past environmentally focused projects include Mission Blue and Racing Extinction and working as a producer on the Oscar-winning documentary The Cove.

"He said: 'Yeah, I'm willing to be in this one.' And I think he regretted that for sure — at first. He wasn't used to having the cameras in his face like that, and he was quite uncomfortable at times, not having lines, not playing a character — just being Leo. "He's a wonderful person," Stevens added. "(I said to him): 'You're the guy. If ever we can use a movie to move the needle, you're the guy.'" THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CANADIAN DESIGNER

Ardem up for best British brand

London-based Canadian label Erdem is up for best British brand at the British Fashion Council's Fashion Awards.

Montreal-born designer Erdem Moralioglu faces competition from industry giants Alexander McQueen, Burberry, Christopher Kane and Stella McCartney.

The category recognizes a leading British-based brand that has made an impact on the international stage.

Moralioglu has had a good track record at the annual bash. Last year he won the establishment designer award, and the year before he nabbed womenswear designer of the year.

The Duchess of Cambridge and Oscar winners Anne Hathaway and Gwyneth Paltrow are among those who have worn his creations. Sophie Grégoire Trudeau wore his dress to the prime minister's swearing-in ceremony last year.

The winners will be announced Dec. 5 in a ceremony at London's Royal Albert Hall.

The Canadian-born designer moved to London to attend the Royal College of Art.

After graduation, Moralioglu moved to New York to work in the design studios of fashion icon Diane von Furstenberg. He returned to the U.K. in 2005 to launch his eponymous label, building a reputation for modern feminine designs and vibrant, custom-designed prints.

Moralioglu's other Fashion Award accolades include the red carpet award in 2013 and the new establishment award in 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A model walks the runway at the Erdem show during the London Fashion Week's Spring/Summer collections. ANTHONY HARVEY/GETTY IMAGES

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Halloween rises to the occasion

AUTUMN HOLIDAY

More popular than ever, the day's pagan roots spread

Izabela Szydlo

The 2,000-year-old roots of Halloween combine the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, which marked the end of harvest season, and the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. After its more spiritual beginnings, the holiday went through a few reincarnations before arriving at its current commercial form.

"By the time it came to North America with Irish and Scottish immigrants in the 19th century, it was more about playing tricks on un-neighbourly people," says Nick Rogers, professor at York University and author of Halloween: From Pagan Ritual to Party Night. "And a fortune-telling event in which young women believed they could do tricks to conjure up the name of their future husband."

It wasn't until the 1950s that Halloween took on its kid-friendly form. The 1970s and '80s, meanwhile, saw it segmented into equal parts trick-or-treating for the kids and partying for the adults.

Now, according to the Retail Council of Canada, Canadians spend more per capita on costumes, candy and decor than Americans, with holiday-related spending second only to Christmas.

So what's next for Halloween?

"It's unpredictable but with social media, you can bet whatever happens on Halloween will go viral," says Rogers. "The celebration is definitely being exported around the world and lately has also brought into question how far can you go without offending people. It is testing the limits of tolerance and that might be its next stage."

As Halloween continues to evolve, its influence is spreading around the world, according to York professor Nick Rogers. ISTOCK

TRICK-OR-TREAT OUTINGS

Skipping the costume parties? Want to keep the kids entertained without sugar overload? We got you covered.

Adults only

- **Haunted School House:** This one is worth the drive if the spirit world intrigues you. On Oct. 29 (6-10 pm), the Wellington County Paranormal Investigation team conducts a real paranormal investigation at the former Lemonville schoolhouse in Stouffville.
- **Night of Dread:** Clay & Paper Theatre presents pageantry, music, towering puppets and stilt dancers in a parade through the darkened streets of Toronto on Oct. 29 at Dufferin Grove Park (6-9 pm).
- **Grimm Grounds:** From Oct. 28 to 31 make your way to 16 Felming Ave. in Brampton for this linear maze. It's been praised for originality and a French revolution/demon theme.

Kid-friendly

- **Gills and Ghouls Halloween:** On Oct. 29 and 30 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.), Ripley's Aquarium transforms into a creepy cove with giveaway stations, live performers (think mermaids and pirates) and an underwater pumpkin carving.
- **Legends of Horror:** Dracula helps you explore the Casa Loma grounds on Oct. 29 and 30 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) while you meet other ghoulish characters.
- **Howling Hootenanny:** A haunted maze, magic shows with Dracula, pumpkin decorating and trick-or-treating through historic buildings are part of this event at Black Creek Pioneer Village on Oct. 29 and 30 (11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.). IZABELA SZYDLO

ISTOCK

Homemade costumes rule

It's a few days before Halloween and you're thinking you'll just run into a costume store and grab something off the rack, but where's the fun in that? This year, say two DIY queens, get a bit more creative.

"Making costumes is a part of the Halloween experience," says Kelsey MacDermaid, one half of Toronto-based Youtube duo The Sorry Girls, who have been putting together costume and other DIY tutorials for their nearly 700,000 subscribers for the last seven years. "It is the one time of the year you can be silly and homemade costumes allow for that better than store-bought."

Getting started

A good place to start, says MacDermaid's DIY partner, Becky Wright, is by thinking of your interests. With pop culture being a natural place for inspiration, MacDermaid and Wright predict that Netflix's Stranger Things, Wonder Woman (who has a new movie coming out next year), and Suicide Squad character Harley Quinn will all be popular. However, just because something is popular, they say, doesn't make it the best choice.

"Unless you're wearing a Nasty Woman T-shirt, I don't want to see any Donald Trumps or Hillary Clintons, especially in Canada," says MacDermaid. "But, those will likely be the most popular because they're easy."

Whether you opt for traditional, pop culture-inspired or spooky, creating your own costume is more fun. ISTOCK

Dressing for the weather

And if you're worried about those dropping temperatures, Wright says there are ways to keep warm without losing your costume's effect.

"Be a Ghostbusters character by sprucing up a one-piece jump suit, which means you can layer on clothes underneath," she says. "Another DIY we did on our channel was Cruella de Vil from 101 Dalmatians with that giant fur coat of hers, which you'll find at a thrift store."

— IZABELA SZYDLO

TOP DIY TO TRY

The Sorry Girls share their Top 3 last-minute ideas

1. Taxidermy and hunter
For this couple's costume, cut antlers out of foam and a big plaque out of cardboard to wear around your neck if you're the taxidermy deer. For the hunter, grab camo clothes and an olive green vest.

2. Trolls
Remember the dolls with colourful, up-combed hair? Find a coloured wig, tie it in a topknot and pair it with a nude-coloured onesie.

3. Damn Daniel
To be the white Vans-wearing kid who went viral this year, all you need is white shoes, jeans and a T-shirt.

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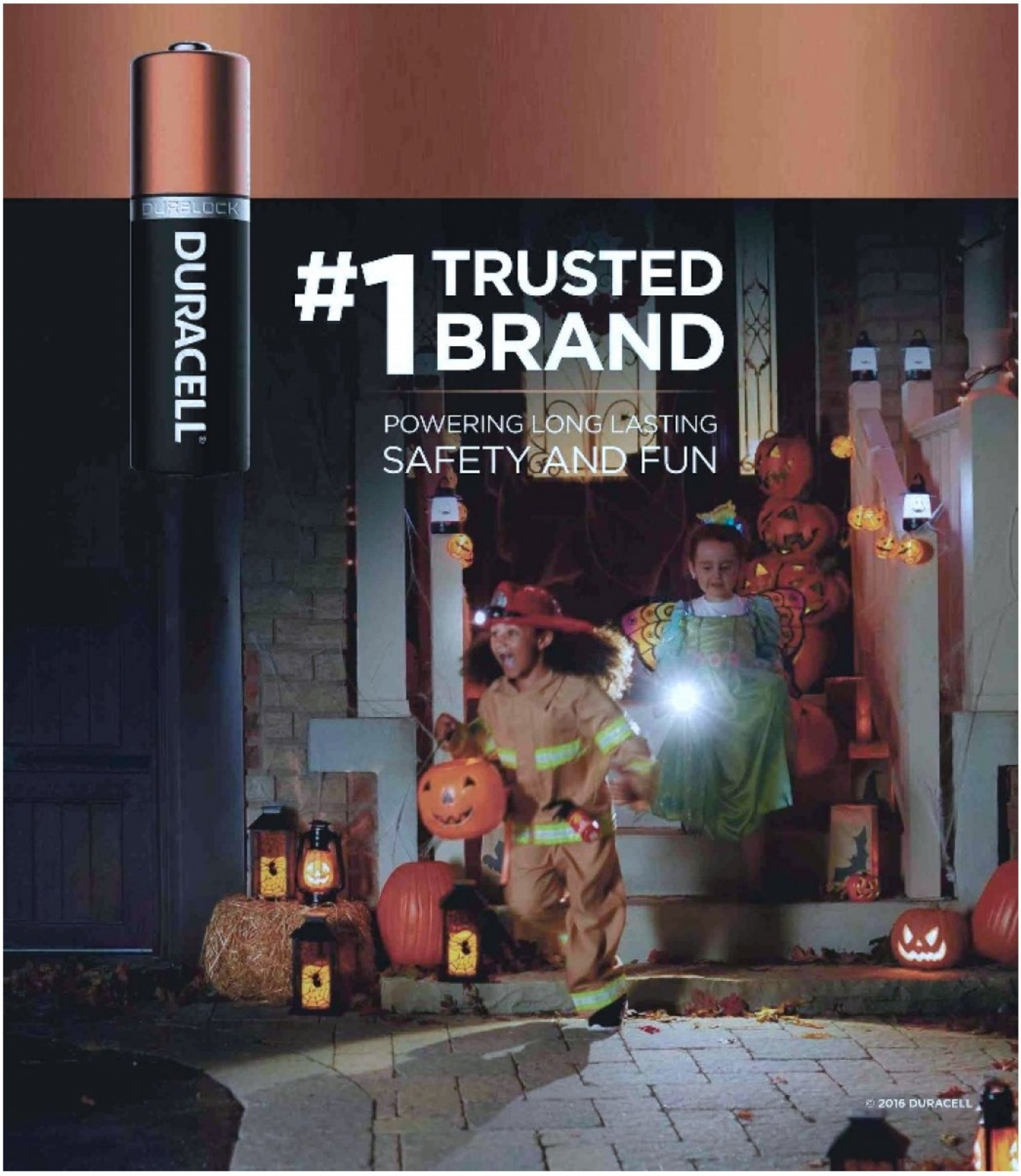
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Gwen Stefani, Gavin Rossdale selling Beverly Hills mansion for $35 Million

Beyond a world of glass towers

ARCHITECTURE

Love it or hate it, the heritage facade trend sure stands out

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canad

There's been a great deal of discussion of late, about the practice of facadism in Toronto. It's the construction of a new structure above or around a heritage building, retaining all or some of the original walls.

Done tastefully, a heritage facade can add a unique entrance or design feature to a modern condo. But in some cases, the old clashes with the new, and it just doesn't look right. So love them or hate them, facades are a new design trend to make condos stand out.

The Nicholas Residences is a new development at 75 St. Nicholas St. It stands on the former site of Regis College on a 19th-century cobblestone street just west of Yonge. CORE Architects oversaw the restoration of the three-storey Planing Mill Building. The turn-of-the-century brick warehouse was carefully dismantled, bricks reclaimed and incorporated into the facade at the base of the condo.

The Nicholas Residences rises from the restored Planing Mill Building at 75 St. Nicholas St. It stands on the former site of Regis College on a 19th-century cobblestone street. DUNCAN MCALLISTER

Depending on the designation of the existing property, a developer may be obligated to preserve the original structure, or they genuinely wish to retain the character of the neighbourhood.

The Canadian Westinghouse Building at 355 King St. W., is currently surrounded by a steel support structure, part of a large-scale heritage restoration led by preservation specialists, ERA Architects. The north and west walls of the 1927-era, six-storey brick warehouse will be retained in what will become the podium for the twin towers of King Blue condos by the Greenland Group.

Toronto real estate agent Ralph Fox says that in a world of glass towers, a heritage facade makes a condo unique. "People really respond to that, because you have the feeling of something that has character blended with something new, and it makes them have more pride of ownership." he says. "People are getting really bored of the fact that condos generally lack character."

> **You have the feeling of something that has character blended with something new.** Ralph Fox, Toronto agent

The Residences at RCMI by Tribute Communities located at 426 University Ave., is built upon the site of the Royal Canadian Military Institute's headquarters. The original building, an elegant and ornate 1907 structure was in an advanced state of disrepair. Plans for a condo development site were proposed in 2007, with the option of incorporating the RCMI in the base of the tower.

The 42-storey condo designed by Ziedler Partnership Architects, was completed in 2014 and houses the new home and museum of the RCMI on its lower floors, replete with its two, nine-pounder cannon guarding the front entrance.

The Residences at RCMI is built upon the site of the Royal Canadian Military Institute's headquarters. DUNCAN MCALLISTER

REAL ESTATE

What's hot this week in the Toronto condo market

1 NOW OPEN

Etobicoke: Backyard Neighbourhood Condominiums has broken ground at Berry Road and Parklawn in Etobicoke. Come check it out at the Condo Shoppe at 188 The Queensway. Contact: 647-427-4048, www.vandyk.com

2 GRAND OPENING

St. Lawrence: The St. Lawrence condominiums is officially open for sales in Toronto's oldest historic neighbourhood. Check out the presentation centre at 132 Front St. E. Contact: 416-351-0158, admin@158front.com

3 NEW RELEASE

Yonge & St. Clair: Blue Diamond condominiums has released the Foxbar collection consisting of six townhomes and upper tower floors at Yonge and St. Clair. Visit the presentation centre at 1499 Yonge St. Contact: 416-925-2501, info@thefoxbar.ca

DUNCAN MCALLISTER

Building into the Cosmos in Vaughan

Project overview

Cosmos III Condos is the latest phase of a new, mixed-use development of residential, office and commercial space with a public square coming soon to the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre. The building features futuristic architecture and modern suite designs.

Building amenities

Residents will enjoy the use of a games lounge, party room, exercise and yoga room, and a private dining room. There's also a 24-hour concierge, outdoor amenity area and dog wash station.

Location and transit

The building is located steps to the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, including the new TTC subway station, as well as VIVA and YRT bus routes. Motorists have quick access to highways 400 and 407.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

What: Cosmos III Condos
Builder: Liberty Development Corporation
Architect: Kirkor Architects (Tanner Hill Associates Inc. for interiors)
Location: 2951 Highway 7 W., in Vaughan
Building: A 35-storey tower with 361 units
Sizes: 490 to 1,540 sq. ft.
Pricing: From the low $300,000s to the low $900,000s
Suites: 21 floorplans ranging from one bedroom to three bedroom plus den
Status: Pre-construction phase
Sales centre: 2951 Highway 7 W.
Info: 647-537-3366 (phone); info@cosmoscondos.ca; cosmoscondos.ca.

In the neighbourhood

Vaughan offers a vibrant new downtown area, with plans for multi-use office towers, open green space, restaurants, hotels, and shopping areas. There are also entertainment venues like Dave and Buster's, Yuk Yuk's Comedy Lounge and the Putting Edge.

Darcy Miller's crafting drawers are filled with tiny containers holding everything from color-coded paperclips to washi tape — some of the items she reaches for most. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Her craft room is her inspiration board

ORGANIZATION

Decluttering a creative space brews ideas as you clean up

For crafters, de-cluttering and rethinking a creative workspace might reap benefits beyond just finding the right paintbrush more quickly.

For some, it can spark creativity.

"It's different for everyone, but it's super-psychological," says professional organizer Fay Wolf of Los Angeles. De-cluttering "creates space for the things you love and makes them ready to use at a moment's notice."

"People think structure is bad, but I think rules are great. They give you this framework so you have control," she says.

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Fay Wolf, professional organizer

A few years ago, Wolf set up her piano keyboard in a spare closet at home, and found she began using it more. And writing music. And singing. Songwriting "became the primary creative thing in my life, and all because I set up the keyboard. I gave it its own place," says Wolf.

Wolf shares tips for getting rid of stuff, including art supplies from long-ago craft projects, in New Order: A Decluttering Handbook for Creative Folks (And Everyone Else) (Ballantine Books, 2016).

She sets up a staging area with labeled sorting bins, and warns against letting perfectionism prevent progress.

"What plagues many of us is the 'waiting for the perfect moment,'" which leads to doing nothing, Wolf says in her book. "Ditch the excuses and start with any amount of time."

Wolf recommends using a timer, which many cellphones have. Set it for 20 minutes; you'll be amazed what you can accomplish in that small amount of focused time, she says.

"You have to be OK taking small steps and knowing that's the only way to do it," she says.

She added that it might take five such sessions before a crafting room starts to change.

Editor Darcy Miller with her three daughters in their craft room, which is covered in wall-to-wall cork art. AP PHOTO

Darcy Miller, editor at large for Martha Stewart Weddings, maintains an impeccably organized crafts room in her New York City home — until she doesn't. Everything has its place: Pens are organized by type in glass jars on her worktable, and drawers are filled with tiny containers holding everything from colour-coded paperclips to washi tape. But when she's in the midst of a project, the room gets disheveled.

"If you could see what it looks like right now," Miller said recently, shortly after hosting a daughter's crafting birthday party.

Miller is the author of the new Celebrate Everything (HarperCollins).

Cleanup is easier because of her organizational system, which puts frequently used items in clear, lidded boxes close at hand, and messy, bulkier supplies in grey, lidded boxes tucked onto shelves.

Miller recommends using a bulletin board to pin inspirational images and quotes, and to organize projects and unrelated ephemera, such as concert tickets or children's school fliers.

Her entire craft room is her inspiration board: She used wall-to-wall cork, sold in rolls, on all of the walls.

Eddie Ross, style director for the shopping site ATG-Stores.com, recommends a standup tool chest or a tackle box for storing small tools and supplies.

He covers his work surface with inexpensive craft paper — torn off a roll — to keep his table protected from glues and glitter, and he keeps a hand vacuum cleaner nearby for quick cleanup.

Darci Meyers, a Boulder, Colorado, psychotherapist, says that letting go of knick-knacks and art supplies can create space for "what's interesting and exciting in the present moment," Meyers said.

"The fewer things we have, the less responsibility we have toward them and the more freedom we have in our lives."

If you can't toss the magazine stack or the dried-out markers, Meyers asks: Do they make you happy? If not, let them go.

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The rule of thumb is that in order to qualify for a mortgage, your name should be on the title to the property. ISTOCK

LEGAL MATTERS

Mortgages are for home owners only

Jeffrey Cowan
For Metro Canada

Q: I recently purchased a pre-build condo that I am going to rent to my young adult daughter who will basically carry the cost of the mortgage, the taxes and the common expenses for the unit. I went to the bank to get a mortgage and they did a search on me and found that I was noted as a mortgage holder on the house that my husband owns and where we live. When we purchased the home 13 years ago, my spouse took title to the property by himself because we were newcomers to Canada and I was still back in our home country when the transaction closed. Now my bank is saying that because I already hold a mortgage on a current home, I may not qualify for the smaller loan for the new condo. Is this something we can fix?

A: The rule of thumb when it comes to mortgages and properties is that the person who owns the home should also be on the mortgage. If you are not on title to the property, you should not have been qualified for the mortgage and the actual mortgage document should not have been registered by the lawyer who acted on behalf of your husband. You will need to approach the financial institution which holds the mortgage and get this sorted so you open up some financial leverage to allow you to apply and obtain a mortgage for the new condo. Good luck.

Getting a head start

BILD

It's not too early to plan out next year's renovation

Bryan Tuckey
For Metro Canada

Fall is a great time to start planning next year's renovation. Renovating your home is exciting but it also takes careful planning, so give yourself enough time to do it well.

The GTA's shortage of housing supply has many homeowners opting to renovate their homes rather than trying to buy, which means it could be challenging finding a renovator if you wait too long.

A great renovation always starts with a solid plan, and it is essential to do your homework before you start to renovate. What is the scale of your project? How do you establish a budget? What permits do you need? Where do you find professionals to help? It may seem intimidating, especially if you're considering taking on your first renovation.

> **It is essential to do your homework before you start.**
> Bryan Tuckey

To help you get started, BILD and RenoMark are holding a special Five Steps to a Successful Renovation seminar. The talk was a popular feature at the recent Fall Home Show, and this is the first time that we are presenting it as a standalone event. The free educational session takes place on November 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. at BILD's offices at 20 Upjohn Road in Toronto.

Regardless of whether you are looking to renovate your home or condominium, the seminar will be a great resource. It will be led by expert renovators who are both BILD and RenoMark members. Jon-Carlos Tsilfidis of Fairside Homes, who is also chair of BILD's Renovator and Custom Builder Council, will speak to renovating houses.

Everything you need to know about renovating condos will be addressed by Samuel Lapidus of Keystone Ridge Developments, the vice-chair of our Renovator and Custom Builder Council.

Jon-Carlos and Sam who will guide you through the early planning stages of a renovation, outline what you should know about permits, discuss the most effective ways to communicate with your renovator and answer your questions.

The seminar will also be a great way to learn about what to look for when hiring a renovator. You'll learn how to find a professional contractor, what to look for when interviewing candidates and how to ensure that the person you hire to work on your renovation project is a real professional. Your contractor is your partner in realizing your vision for your dream home so it's absolutely critical that you work with someone you can trust. Space is limited so e-mail renomark@bildgta.ca in advance to register.

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Seba sets tone for playoffs

MLS

TFC's Italian genius made two, scored one to sink Union

Italian star Sebastian Giovinco scored one goal and helped set up the other two to lead Toronto FC to its first ever playoff win Wednesday night, a 3-1 decision over the Philadelphia Union in an MLS first-round knockout game.

Toronto, which finished third in the Eastern Conference, will now host second-place New York City FC on Sunday in the opening game of the two-legged Eastern semifinal. Jonathan Osorio and Jozy Altidore also scored as Toronto ended a playoff drought that stretched back to its inception in 2007. It took 324 regular-season matches and nine managers to get there.

Alejandro Bedoya scored for the Union in the 73rd minute to cut the lead to 2-1. But Giovinco, after drawing three defenders, found Altidore in the 85th minute and the U.S. international, after a fortuitous bounce off a defender, sent a low shot home.

Altidore and several teammates jumped the advertising hoardings at the south end and disappeared briefly into the stands to celebrate.

Sixth-place Philadelphia started well, taking the game to Toronto. But the home side struck first in the 15th minute with Altidore muscling his way into Philadelphia territory. Defender Ken Tribbett hooked the ball away awkwardly towards his own penalty box and goalkeeper Andre Blake tried to meet it. Altidore beat him to it, flicking the ball over to Giovinco, who got a leg to it to send the ball high into the net.

Toronto FC forward Sebastian Giovinco celebrates as he opens scoring as Toronto FC plays their first ever home play-off game against the Philadelphia Union at BMO Field. STEVE RUSSELL/TORONTO STAR

The goal was 10 years in the making and Giovinco celebrated in style, heading to the northwest corner with his teammates in his wake. It was also the Italian's fifth goal in five games against Philadelphia. But then again he scores against everyone. Including the regular season and playoffs, Giovinco has scored or assisted on 72 of Toronto's 112 goals (64 per cent) in his two seasons in MLS.

At BMO Field

TORONTO FC	PHILADELPHIA UNION
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Giovinco was lively all night, aided by the muscular Altidore. Unable to stop the little Italian, the Union hacked Giovinco down on several occasions including one in the second half when he beat two defenders with a slick drag-back dribble.

While Toronto became more defensive with its second-half substitutions, Philadelphia looked for more offence with Brazilian Ilsinho and Roland Alberg.

Osorio made it 2-0 three minutes into the second half off a Giovinco corner. Altidore and Toronto defender Nick Hagglund collided and the ball bounced off Hagglund's chest to Osorio, who belted it home.

Bedoya made things interesting with his second-half goal. Three different Philadelphia players headed the ball before it landed at the feet of the U.S. international, who lashed it home.

Normal service soon resumed with Giovinco and Altidore before a crowd of 21,759 on a chilly five-degree Celsius night at BMO Field. That set the crowd chanting "This is our house."

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IN BRIEF

Marathon winner to be stripped of Boston title

Organizers of the Boston Marathon are stripping Kenyan runner Rita Jeptoo, 35, of her 2014 victory as part of the athlete's newly extended doping ban.

The Boston Athletic Association announced Wednesday that it will seek to reclaim Jeptoo's winnings and is starting the process to adjust race results. Jeptoo tested positive for a banned hormone in 2014. Her ban now extends to October 2018. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Romo back in training

Tony Romo participated in throwing drills at practice Wednesday for the first time since the Dallas quarterback broke a bone in his back in a pre-season game at Seattle in August.

Romo, 36, worked in several individual drills in shorts and a T-shirt with his teammates in full pads. While he almost certainly won't play against Philadelphia on Sunday, it's positive news for the Cowboys who are 5-1 with pivot Dak Prescott.

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Tony Romo GETTY IMAGES

DeMar DeRozan broke Vince Carter's record of 39 points on opening night for a Raptor. RON TURENNE/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES

NBA

Deadly DeRozan makes opening-night history

DeMar DeRozan picked up exactly where he left off last season. The Raptors all-star scored 21 of his 40 points in a spectacular third quarter to propel Toronto to a 109-91 victory over the Detroit Pistons in the team's season opener on Wednesday.

DeRozan broke Vince Carter's record for an opening-night performance (39 points) set in 2003. Jonas Valanciunas added a career-high 32 points and 11 rebounds while Kyle Lowry finished with 10 points and eight assists.

Tobias Harris had 22 to top the Pistons. Almost five months to the day since the Raptors' thrilling and historic playoff run came to an end — ousted in six games by eventual NBA champion Cleveland in the Eastern Conference final — expectations are high.

WEDNESDAY At ACC

RAPTORS	PISTONS
109	91

DeRozan, who signed a five year deal worth $139 million US in the off-season, famously saying "I am Toronto," took the mic before tipoff, telling the crowd "I want to thank you, the best fans in the world. Hope you enjoy the season." Then the 27-year-old, starting a record eighth straight season-opener for Toronto, went to work.

DeRozan and Valanciunas combined for 25 points in the first quarter as the Raptors roared back from a seven-point deficit to take a 33-23 lead into the second.

Toronto took a 58-46 advantage into the dressing room at halftime, and then DeRozan's outstanding third quarter, which included a rim-rattling dunk, sent the Raptors into the fourth with an 86-71 lead.

Valanciunas also came to play. He flattened Andre Drummond with an errant elbow to the face in the first quarter, then brought the capacity Air Canada Centre crowd that included Dalton Pompey of the Toronto Blue Jays to its feet with a massive second-quarter dunk, shoving his way past Boban Marjanovic to the hoop.

Both DeRozan and Valanciunas were ushered off the floor with standing ovations in the fourth quarter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Miller time is any time for Cleveland

WORLD SERIES

Reliever has become even more lethal during playoffs

David Ross marvels at Andrew Miller and the break on his sinister slider.

"He's hard to catch," said the Chicago Cubs catcher and Miller's teammate in Boston three years ago. "When you know he's hard to catch, you know he's hard to hit."

> If that requires me to pitch the second inning or the ninth inning or play shortstop, I don't really care.
> Andrew Miller

Miller escaped a pair of jams to pitch two scoreless innings and help the Cleveland Indians beat the Chicago Cubs 6-0 in the World Series opener Tuesday night.

A six-foot-seven lefty with an enormous wingspan, Miller has developed baseball's most unhittable pitch. He is perhaps the biggest factor in Cleveland's first AL pennant since 1997, a throwback willing to close or enter in the middle innings.

"It kind of sets the tone for our mindset as a club, just trying to figure out a way to help your team win," Cleveland closer Cody Allen said.

Now 31, Miller was acquired from the Yankees on Aug. 1 for four prospects. He has thrown 22 scoreless innings in post-season play, including 13-2/3 innings with 24 strikeouts this year. He was voted AL Championship Series MVP, a rare setup man to gain a post-season honour.

"I would say before that, his resumé is not too shabby, either," Indians manager Terry Francona said during the series against Toronto. "There's a reason we gave up what we did for him. We thought that he could be a guy that we could leverage in situations like we have. And it would make our bullpen that much better and give us a chance to keep playing."

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CUBS RELY ON ARRIETA TO EVEN SCORE Chicago Cubs pitcher Jake Arrieta makes an offering to the plate against Cleveland in Game 2 of the World Series at Progressive Field on Wednesday night. Cleveland entered the game with a 1-0 series lead. Go to metronews.ca for the story. GENE PUSKAR/POOL/GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Leafs goalie hasn't lost faith in abilities

Perhaps nobody can understand the current plight of embattled Maple Leafs netminder Frederik Andersen quite like James Reimer, the longest tenured goalie in Toronto over the past decade.

Now the backup to Roberto Luongo in Florida, Reimer went through a series of wild highs and perilous lows over six seasons as a Leaf. His approach to the tough times was "to bury your head in the sand."

Frederik Andersen GETTY IMAGES

"Everyone's going to voice their opinion, and everyone's allowed to do that," said Reimer, who returns to Toronto as an opponent for the first time on Thursday night. "People can boo, people can cheer, it's up to them. (But) it doesn't really matter."

Andersen got shelled for a career-worst seven goals on Tuesday night, the fourth time in five starts as a Leaf that he's allowed four goals or more. The 27-year-old says his struggles are between the ears right now. He hinted at trying too hard and needing to relax, his new role as an undisputed No. 1 and pricey five-year contract likely ratcheting up the pressure of his early days in Toronto.

His primary focus at practice Wednesday said it all: "have fun and compete." His goal was to get back to winning because losing (he's won once in five starts) made for miserable times.

"I think anywhere you are you're going to have tough nights and it's about bouncing back and showing what you're made of," said a stoic Andersen on Wednesday afternoon. "I know I have the abilities because you don't just lose that. You've just got to get comfortable and got to get to where you want to be mentally." THE CANADIAN PRESS

DOWNED DUCK

The Anaheim Ducks recalled goalie Dustin Tokarski from their AHL affiliate on Wednesday after backup goalie Jonathan Bernier — a former Maple Leaf — was injured in a loss at San Jose on Tuesday.

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RECIPE Beef & Mushroom Stew

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For Metro Canada

A hearty stew bubbling on the stove will warm you up this fall.

Ready in 1 hour 20 minutes
Prep time: 1 hour 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 lb stewing beef
- 2 Tbsp flour
- Salt and pepper
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 onions, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lb mushrooms, halved or quartered, depending on size
- 2 large carrots, diced
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1/3 cup tomato paste
- 1/2 cup white or red wine (optional)
- 4 cups beef broth

Directions

1. Shake flour onto a plate and season with salt and pepper. Dredge meat through the flour.

2. In a big pot or dutch oven, warm olive oil over medium heat. Working in batches, brown meat. Place cooked meat on a clean plate.

3. Add in onion and garlic and sauté about 3 minutes. Toss in mushrooms and thyme and cook for another 5 minutes. Add tomato paste and stir well. Cook for a couple of minutes.

4. Add the wine. Use a wooden spoon to scrape the bottom of the pot to loosen up all that caramelized beefy goodness. Add your stock and the beef, bring it to a simmer, cover and simmer for about an hour. Now add your carrots and cook about 10 minutes. Serve over mashed potatoes.

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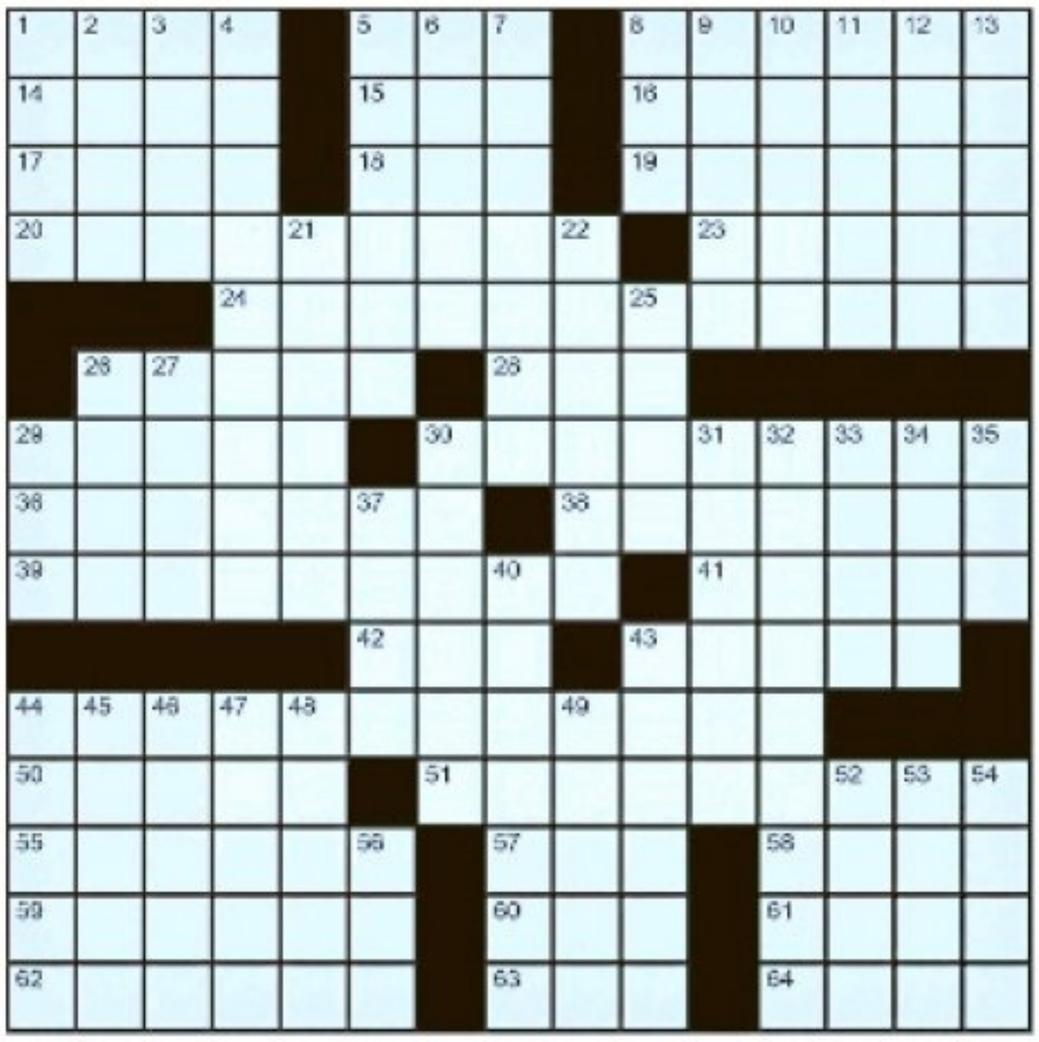

ACROSS
1. Retro pop music syllable
5. "_-Devil" (1989)
8. "'Cause _ like us, baby we were born to run." - Bruce Springsteen
14. At any point
15. "K-_" (2001) starring Kevin Spacey
16. Cafe _ _
17. Lake, in Lombardy
18. Gravestone engraving
19. NFL player in Denver
20. Freezes over
23. 19th-century composer Mr. Bruckner
24. 'Totem Poles, Gitsegukla' is a 1927 oil on canvas painting by what Montreal artist?: 2 wds.
26. Sniff
28. Enunciate
29. American opera singer, Frederica von _
30. Professional recommendations
36. Plunge
38. Arboreal acme
39. Capricorn and Taurus: 2 wds.
41. Videotaped web journals
42. Universal ideal
43. Brings up
44. Northwest Coast port city in British Columbia: 2 wds.
50. "Madagascar" (2005) creature
51. Kraft products for salads
55. Evangeline's home
57. Pres. Eisenhower
58. Egotistical
59. Henpecked
60. Bamm-Bamm, to Barney
61. First word of Massachusetts' motto
62. Drives too fast
63. _ up (Riled)
64. Fully satisfy

DOWN
1. Brussels is its cap.
2. Long circle
3. Big lottery in The States, _ Millions
4. One continuing ahead
5. Urban _
6. Port-au-Prince's country
7. _ account
8. Binder section indicator
9. RR = _ Route
10. Beside
11. Type of fish, with Ray
12. Decorative edging in embroidery
13. Mick or Keith or Ron
21. Those loafing about
22. Mining passages
25. _ and terminer
26. Financial acct. summary
27. 1970 Three Dog Night hit: "_ Told Me (Not to Come)"
29. Ashley, to Mary-Kate
30. Consider
31. Styles of lapels or cuffs in fashion
32. Members of the family
33. 'Origin' suffix
34. Fireplace ashes, before they became ashes
35. Initials-sharers of the Oscar-winning star of "Milk" (2008)
37. Venue
40. Supply with sustenance
43. Begrudge
44. Builder's drawings
45. Briefly summarize
46. Effigy
47. Prod
48. Wept
49. Variety of tea, Orange _
52. Singer Ms. Mouskouri
53. Central meaning
54. Olde dagger
56. Promos

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You will be powerful today during discussions about taxes, debt, shared property and inheritances. Knowing this, choose to go after what you want!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You might come on a bit too strong during discussions with partners and close friends. (Or perhaps they do?) Take a deep breath and step back. Easy does it.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will accomplish a lot at work today, because you are focused and enthusiastic. Furthermore, when talking to others, you make a strong impression!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You are in touch with your creative vibes today, which is why this is a great day for artistic work or creative projects. It's also a good day to teach children.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Tackle home repairs with enthusiasm today because you're full of bright ideas! Family discussions also will be vigorous and exciting.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a strong day for those of you who sell, market, teach, act or write, because you are in touch with what you want to say. You know how to express your ideas!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will be convincing in matters related to business, cash flow, finances and making money. You might even teach someone about business or financial matters today.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Today it's easy to put a lot of yourself into whatever you say. This is why others will listen to you. You are genuinely enthusiastic!

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your ability to research anything is tops today. You'll be like a dog with a bone. You won't give up until you find what you're looking for.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Conversations with friends and members of groups will be lively today. Quite likely, you will take charge because there is something you want to say to everyone.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You make a great impression on people in authority today, including bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs. They see that you believe what you say.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is an excellent day to study anything new. Some of you also will be excited about making future travel plans. Whatever you do, you will do it with enthusiasm!

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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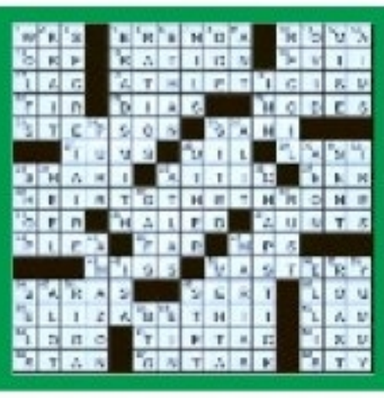

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